Lake County Public Library

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January 2009

HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the

Life and Times of EDGAR ALLAN POE

January 19, 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of America's best known writers, Edgar Allan Poe. Unappreciated during his lifetime, his short stories are now acknowledged as masterpieces of that genre and precursors of modern psychological writing, the detective story, and science fiction. He became a major influence on such European poets as Baudelaire, Rimbaud, and Mallarme, and he contributed to the founding of the dark tradition in American literature as exemplified by Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ambrose Bierce, and William Faulkner. His celebrated poem, "The Raven," was one of his few immediate popular successes. For the most part, though, Poe's life was a chronicle of bad luck and disappointment. He was orphaned at the age of 3; adopted by a cold, unloving man who refused him financial support when he desperately needed it; bereaved when his beloved wife succumbed to tuberculosis after 11 years of marriage; and, finally, he died under mysterious circumstances at the age of 40, a seeming failure, with little indication of the acclaim the future held for him.

"All that we see or seem/ Is but a dream within a dream." -A Dream Within a Dream

A display of books and other materials on the life and times of Edgar Allan Poe will be found on the Upper Level during the month of January.

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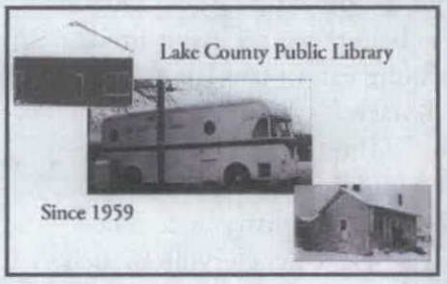
Jennifer Burnison
Marketing Manager

Celebrate @ the Library

This month the Lake County Public Library system is celebrating a milestone- half a century of service. On January 1, 1959, the new and separate Lake County Public Library system was established with five permanent buildings, two converted house trailers, a bookmobile, and three rented buildings. The full –sized buildings were located in Griffith, Highland, Hobart, Munster, and Schererville. Cedar Lake, Dyer, and Lake Station held one-room buildings. The rented buildings served Cedar Lake, Dyer, and East Gary. St. John, Calumet Township outside Griffith, and Ross Township were served by the bookmobile and the trailers on a bi-weekly or tri-weekly basis. The library headquarters were set up in an additional rented building located at 75 E. 73rd Avenue in Merrillville. A teletypewriter system and data processing equipment were installed, making LCPL the first library in the state with such up-to-date equipment.



In 1960 the first book catalogs were produced with data processing equipment and in 1962 the Cedar Lake Branch and the Lake Station Branch were built, and a central set of reference materials was gathered and placed in the Hobart Branch to form the first Reference Services Department. In 1963 a new Dyer Branch Library was built.

In 1964 a $1.5 million bond issue was sold to finance library construction and seven libraries, ranging in size from 3,500 to 5,000 square feet, were completed between 1965 and 1967. The Black Oak Library opened on November 11, 1965; St. John on August 1, 1966; Schererville on August 15, 1966; Merrillville on August 29, 1966; Forty-First Avenue on December 8, 1966; Independence Hill on December 15, 1966; continued on page 2

"... a $1.5 million bond issue was sold to finance library construction... between 1965 and 1967"

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and New Chicago on October 2, 1967.

Larger libraries were built in Highland, Griffith, Munster, and Hobart, which ranged in size from 6,800 to 10,000 square feet. These buildings opened for service on October 17, 1966; June 19, 1967; March 4, 1968; and December 15, 1968. The final building was the Reference Library-Administration Center located at U.S. Route 30 in Merrillville, close to the geographic center of the library district.

In 1978 an important group called the Friends of the Library was formed to help raise funds and led the first Book Sale with hard cover books for 50 cents and paperbacks 25 cents. With help from the Friends, the Lake County Public Library Foundation was created in 1983 to help raise and invest funds to acquire extra materials for the library.

Throughout the years, additional Branches have been constructed. The Dyer-Schererville Branch opened in May of 1994, the new St. John Branch building in May of 2005, the Cedar Lake Branch building in May of 2006, and the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch in October of 2007. The Hobart Branch Library renovations were completed in May of 2006, and the Munster Branch Library was completed this past December.

With so much development and growth in just these years, who knows what will come in the next. So happy birthday LCPL and here's a toast to another 50 years!

ASK "When was the "Big Snow" of 1967?"

"The storm began early Jan. 26, 1967, and continued for 29 hours. It paralyzed the region, bringing all transportation to a halt. Food and medical supplies had to be airlifted by helicopter to some stranded residents.... The telephone company reported record use of region telephone lines as 5.5 million calls were made Jan. 27, three times the normal number. The Calumet Region was buried beneath a 24-inch blanket [of snow]." Also, see the Indiana Pamphlet Collection under the heading "Weather," for the Chicago Tribune's pictorial pamphlet entitled Chicago's Big Snow, January, 1967. The Periodicals Department has microfilm of local newspaper going back to the early 20th century and you may view and print articles about the "Big Snow" there as well.

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Munster BrancH

www.lakeco.in.us/munster.htm

UPGRADE

The Munster Branch Library has had a 'face-lift,' from a tired, worn, and dark building to a lighter, brighter, and more user-friendly facility! The improvements provide a sturdier structure, comfortable furniture, and a more efficient use of space with a...

- New Circulation Desk
- New Children's Programming Room
- New Teen Area
- New Computer Areas: 16 Adult Computers, and 4 Children's Computers
- Drive-through Book Drops
- Remodeled Meeting Room with Kitchen Area for Public Use
- Remodeled Workroom for the Staff to Complete Their Tasks

New Business DVDs

Staff Recommends

DVD 658.812 WHAT

WHAT DRIVES PHENOMENAL SUCCESS?

Colleen Barrett explains the success of Southwest Airlines in simple terms. Employee satisfaction is the starting point for customer satisfaction. She describes a hiring process that selects on individual attitudes, sets expectations, and empowers employees from the beginning to do the right thing. *50 minutes* *

DVD 658.046 WIKI

WIKINOMICS

Dale Tapscott, CEO of New Paradigm, describes how winning companies innovate and succeed using the knowledge, resources and computing power of millions of people self-organizing into a massive collective force. The Age of Collaboration has changed business through blogs, wikis, chat rooms, peer-to-peer networks and personal broadcasting. *49 minutes*

DVD 658.4012 EXEC

EXECUTING YOUR STRATEGY

Dr. Raymond Levitt of Stanford University emphasizes the critical need to revise your strategic portfolio to fit the demands of a dynamic environment. He details the imperatives that enable you to do the right projects, and to do these projects right. Dr. Levitt is the Academic Director of Stanford University's award-winning Advanced Project Management executive program. *53 minut*

For more ideas to help you grow your business, visit the Reference Department & stop at our Business Center.

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EDGAR ALLAN POE

The Life and Works of Edgar Allan Poe: A Psychoanalytic Interpretation by Princess Marie Bonaparte (B POE BONA)

Edgar Allan Poe, a Study in Genius by Joseph Wood Krutch (B POE KRUT)

Edgar Allan Poe: His Life and Legacy by Jeffrey Meyers (B POE MEYE)

Edgar Allan Poe, Visitor from the Night of Time by Philip Van Doren Stern (POE STERN)

Edgar Allan Poe: The Man Behind the Legend by Edward Wagenknecht (B POE WAGE)

Midnight Dreary: The Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe by John Evangelist Walsh (B POE WALS)

Central Library
1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
January 1 to 31
Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw. To participate send email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Jan.5 & 7 through Mar. 11, Mon. & Wed. at 6:30pm Four levels: Non-English Speaking, Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced. Individual assessments determine level for these free classes. Bring pencil and paper. Call ext. 309 for details.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Jan. 7, Wed.10:30am to 11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Jan. 7, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Jan. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm Discussion of *The World Without Us* by Alan Weisman. Please register at ext. 340.

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB
Jan. 9, Fri. at 9:30am Centier Bank's Advantage Club presents hypnotist, author, and motivational speaker, Tim Shurr. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for further details.

LEARN TO KNIT
Jan. 13, Tues. at 2pm Bring knitting needles and yarn.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Jan. 14, Wed. at 2pm Internet search class. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL
Jan. 14 & 21, Wed. at 6pm Learn to sign-up for an email address and how to use it. Web familiarity required. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Jan. 21, Wed. at 2pm Please register at ext. 346.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Jan. 23, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Free information session. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Jan. 23, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Jill Keilman, Resident Care Counselor, Assisted Living and Memory Support Residence of Hartsfield Village presents *Planning the Next Steps* - options for seniors. Basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Jan. 28, Wed. at 2pm Practice what you have learned. Instructor available to provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

LAUGHTER YOGA
Jan. 28, Wed. at 7pm Taught by Tanaz Bamboat.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 12, Mon. at 12:30pm Dessert and discussion of *Wine of Violence* by Priscilla Royal.

BOOK BUDDIES
Jan. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Dessert and informal discussion of *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Jan. 13, Tues. at 1m or Jan. 17, Sat. at 9am Two-hour class covers basic skills. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
Jan. 14, Wed. at 1pm or Jan. 17, Sat. at 12:30pm

Utilize the computer's basic functions in this two-hour class. Registration required.

BOOK CHAT
Jan. 21, Wed. at 7pm Dessert and discussion of *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes.

GRIFFITH GAB
Jan. 26, Mon. at 1pm Discussion of *A Girl Named Zippy* by Havel Kimmel.

COMPUTER CLASS: EZ EMAIL
Jan. 31, Sat. at 9:30am or 1pm Get started using e-mail in this two-hour class. Create a free account on Yahoo. Registration required

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

SNACK & PLAN
Jan. 5, Mon. at 5pm Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and those wishing to join (12 to 17 year olds) will eat, play games, and plan programs while earning volunteer time.

KNITTING CLASS
Jan. 5 & 19, Wed. at 6:30pm Bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

HISTORY VIDEO
Jan. 13, Tues. at 2pm *Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid* .

SUPERMARKET SAVINGS
Jan. 14, Wed. at 1pm Corinne Powel, Consumer Family Sciences Purdue University Extension Educator presents easy tips that total big Bucks!

STAMP CAMP
Jan. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm Taught by Jane of Stampin'Up! Bring adhesive and scissors. There is a $5 fee for materials provided due at the time of class. Registration is required.

CRAFTING MANIA
Jan. 19, Mon. or Jan. 20, Tues. from 3pm to 5pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will make duct tape creations.

STEPPIN' OUT – BASIC DANCE
Jan. 19, Mon. at 7pm Learn a variety of dances. Refreshments served.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Jan. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards.

SCIENCE MAGIC
Jan. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages explore the scientific method of conducting simple and fun experiments with food, flight, and more.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: *DEEP SOUTH USA*
Jan. 27, Tues. at 2pm Visit the *Bible Belt*. Refreshments served.

GAME FEST
Jan. 28, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds *PlayStation, Wii* and other games. Food and soda provided.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

TEEN GAMING
Jan. 23, Sat. at 2pm Youngsters in 5th through 12th grades are invited to gaming events. Please register.

HISTORY VIDEO: *ELVIS THROUGH THE YEARS*
Jan. 5, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Refreshments served. Please register.

STAMP CAMP
Jan. 7, Wed. at 6:30pm Taught by Stampin'Up!'s Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan. $5 fee due at the time of class covers cost of materials. Registration required.

CROSSROADS
Jan. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Crossroad Club Members invited to share their hobbies or collectibles. Co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Refreshments served. Call 972-7317 to register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
Jan. 8, Thurs. at 5:30pm 5pm Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and those wishing to join (12 to 17 year olds) will eat, play games, and plan programs while earning volunteer time. Please register.

GORDON WILDER TRAVELOGUE
Jan. 12, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm View colorful slides of Russia. Refreshments served. Please register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 13, Tues. at 2pm Discussion of *The Ox Bow Incident*. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Jan. 14, Wed. from 10am-Noon Provided by Calumet Hospice.

HIGHLAND CRIMEWATCH
Jan. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm By Highland Police.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 15, Thurs. at 2pm Discussion of Charles Martin's *When Crickets Cry*. Please register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS
Jan. 19, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Video presentation of Massachusetts. Refreshments served.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 22, Thurs. at 7pm Carrie Bebris' *Pride and Prescience* featuring Jane Austin characters. Please register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN
Jan. 26, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Forever Young*. Please register.

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.html

SIMPLE, EASY COOKING CLASS
Jan. 5, Mon. at 1pm Recipe demonstration and taste testing. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Jan. 13, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Provided by Miller's Merry Manor.

LIBRARY MEMORIES
Jan. 15, Thurs. at 10am Celebrate the library's 50th anniversary with coffee and donuts. Record personal library memories for future generations; help us identify people in old photographs.

BOOK CHAT
Jan. 20, Tues. at 2pm *The Quilter's Apprentice* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

WANTED: TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Jan. 19, Mon. at 2pm Teens, 12 to 16 year olds, offer ideas and book titles for discussion group. Refreshments served.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

ESL CLASSES @ SU BIBLIOTECA
Jan. 12 through Feb. 18, Mon. & Wed., 6:30pm Learn English with volunteers from the International Community Alliance in this two-hour class.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 15, Thurs. at 1pm *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards.

GAME ON!
Jan. 16, Fri. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds. *Guitar Hero World Tour on Wii* and *PS2*.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Jan. 27, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Provided by Miller's Merry Manor.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Jan. 29, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Learn basic skills. Please register.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

LIFE COACHING STUDIO
Jan. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Cancelled Achieve your goals with Dr. Myrna Sarowitz.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA: *TRISTAN UND ISOLDE* 14 cancelled 21
Jan. ~~14~~ Wed. at 7pm Charles Dewitt of the LOLC will a discuss *Tristan und Isolde* by Richard Wagner with musical highlights.

EXPLORE: FLORENCE
Jan. 15, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Jan. 22, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Jan. 22, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Known World* by Edward Jones.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Jan. 29, Thurs. at 7pm *The Inferno* by Dante, a selection from the *Fifth Series of Great Books* by University of Chicago Hutchins & Adler.

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Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES: *BEN X*
Jan. 5, Mon. at 1pm Adults only *Ben X* MPAA not rated. Belgian film in Flemish with English subtitles. Refreshments served.

***Wii* FOR SENIORS**
Jan. 14, Wed. at 2pm Senior adults can participate in bowling or tennis. Refreshments served. Please register.

OPEN GAMING
Jan. 15, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, can play *PS2* with *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution*. Please register.

STAMP CAMP
Jan. 20, Tues. at 6:30pm Taught by Stampin'Up!'s Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan. $5 fee due at the time of class for materials. Registration required.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
Jan. 21, Wed. at 7pm Wander through Amsterdam in this 70 minute travel video.

WINTER LANDSCAPES: WORDS & MUSIC
Jan. 22, Thurs. at 7pm Performed by *TallGrass Writers Guild Performance Ensemble*. Please register.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
Jan. 28, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

STAMP CLASS
Jan. 5, Mon. at 6:30pm Taught by Stampin'Up!'s Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan. There is a $5 fee due at the time of class for the cost of materials. Registration required.

***Wii* FOR SENIORS**
Jan. 7, Wed. at 2pm Senior adults can participate in bowling or tennis. Refreshments served. Please register.

SIT & KNIT
Jan. 7 & 21, Wed. at 6pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project. All levels welcome.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
Jan. 20, Tues. at 1:30pm One-hour *Betty Boop*! video biography. Refreshments served.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Jan. 13, Tues. at 10:15am *Murders in the Rue Morgue* by Edgar Allen Poe.

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Merrillville, IN 46410
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I't Time for READ-a-THON

Any child in the Lake County Public Library district can participate in this literacy campaign sponsored by the Library's Foundation.

- ◊ Sign-up at school or at the local library branch.
- ◊ Read as many books as you can during this six-week project - January 12th through February 20th.
- ◊ Read for fun! Read to learn! Read to be entertained!
- ◊ Prizes and gifts will be awarded to everyone who participates!
- ◊ Ask your local children's librarian for details.

ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

Care to display your photographs and/or artwork?

We have openings this year to showcase your talent along the walls of the Derner Gallery.

Call 769-3541, ext. 317 for details.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

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Children's Programing

January 2009

Lake County Public Library Since 1959 www.lakeco.lib.in.us

Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

POSITIVELY POLAR PARTY
Jan. 8, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear stories about arctic animals and make a winter craft. Please register at ext. 360.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. – A MUSICAL TRIBUTE
Jan. 19, Mon. at 2pm Children, accompanied by their parents or caregivers, will celebrate the life of Dr. King with stories and music. Special guest soloists and musical groups will be entertaining. Please register at ext. 360.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID
Jan. 22, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will laugh out loud at excerpts from Greg's hilarious diary! Wimpy participants will make a wimpy craft, play wimpy games, and eat a wimpy snack. Please register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

CHINESE NEW YEAR
Jan. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm It's the "Year of the Ox." Children in kindergarten and older are invited to celebrate Chinese New Year with a story, dragon craft, and lots of fun. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

NEW YEAR'S BASH 2009
Jan. 6, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, are invited to celebrate the New Year with new stories, music, and games. We will make a craft and have a snack. Please register.

KIDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
Jan. 16, Fri. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will read stories, play games, and learn about children who live all around the world. We will learn how to make a snack enjoyed in other countries. Please register.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
Jan. 22, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will celebrate the "Year of the Ox" with games, stories, and snacks. Please register.

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Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

BIRDS IN WINTER
Jan. 2, Fri. at 10:30am or Jan. 6, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear tales of birds in winter and make a treat to take home and feed to their backyard friends. Please register.

YARN DOLLS
Jan. 7, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will make a doll from scraps of yarn. Please register.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT
Jan. 20, Tues. at 6:30pm Families will enjoy the cartoon feature *Peter Pan*.

WATERMELON MEMORIES
Jan. 21, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will enjoy stories about watermelons and decorate a cookie to look like a watermelon slice. Please register.

SATURDAY MORNING WITH BARTHOLOMEW CUBBINS
Jan. 24, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy a great Dr. Seuss story and make a din-o-mite hat from fleece. Registration required by Jan. 15.

SUPER TOT CRAFT DAY
Jan. 26, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age accompanied by a caregiver, will make Mardi Gras masks. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm
10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN
Jan. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

PENGUIN PARADE
Jan. 6, Tues. at 10:30am and 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, enjoy stories, songs, and a craft as they learn all about penguins.

MOVIES & MORE @ FOUR
Jan. 7, Wed. at 4pm Teens are invited to watch *The Dark Knight* on the big screen and play *Movie Trivia* for prizes. Pizza, popcorn, and other snacks will be provided.

TODDLER TIME
Jan. 8 & 22, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3 accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more!

WINTER CAMPOUT!
Jan. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will "camp out" in the children's room enjoying stories, games, a craft, and food from Australia.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
All Lake County Public Library buildings will be closed January 1, 2009. Regular operating hours resume Friday, January 2.

Regular operating hours observed January 19, 2009.

BOOKS & BABIES

Jan. 13 & 27, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities, and rhymes.

CRAFTING MANIA

Jan. 19, Mon. or Jan. 20, Tues. from 3pm to 5pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will use a variety of colors to make duct tape creations. All materials, as well as refreshments will be provided.

CHESS

Jan. 19, Mon. at 5:30pm Kids in grades 3 and up will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

GOOD, CLEAN FUN

Jan. 20, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and a craft all about bath time.

BACKYARD SNOW PARTY

Jan. 22, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 5th grade, will enjoy stories and activities in the snow. Dress warm! Weather permitting we'll spend some time on the patio. Children will also make a snow craft and have a snack.

SCIENCE MAGIC FAMILY FUN

Jan. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will explore the scientific method conducting simple and fun experiments with food, flight, and more. Everyone will make at least one science experiment to keep.

GAME FEST

Jan. 28, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation, Wii*, and a variety of other games, including spoons. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and soda will be provided. Join the fun!

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

FAMILY STORY HOUR

Jan. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts during this Tuesday evening lap-sit story time. Please register.

BUSY BEES: SHINY SHOES

Jan. 7, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Shoes will be featured during this story hour filled with books, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

SCHOOL-AGE ICE CANDLE PROJECT

Jan. 8, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, brighten up dreary winter days with a beautiful and an unusual ice candle craft project. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Please register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Jan. 8, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (7th to 12th grades), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 13, 20, 27, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by their caregivers will enjoy this 30 to 40 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

BUSY BEES: FEED THE BIRDS

Jan. 21, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will listen to bird tales, sing songs, do finger plays, and create a simple bird feeder to help our feathered friends during this blustery season. Please register.

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HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

RUSSIAN SNOW FEST
Jan. 8, Thurs. at 4:15pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear Russian stories, learn about Russian culture, and craft 'Grandfather Frost' figures. Please register.

SNOW ART PROJECT
Jan. 14, Wed. at 4:30pm Pre-teens (9 to 13 year olds) are invited to choose from a variety of supplies from the art cabinet (paper, paint, watercolors, chalk, etc.) to create a snow art project. In addition, teens (14 to 18 year olds) are welcome to join in on this creative activity. Please register.

WANTED: TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Jan. 19, Mon. at 2pm Teens, 12 to 16 years of age, interested in joining a book discussion group should come to the library to discuss book titles and ideas. Refreshments will be served.

SNOW, SNOW, SNOW
Jan. 20, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or Jan. 21, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear and participate in snow stories, songs, finger plays, and construct a snow craft. Please register.

WINTER TODDLER STORY TIME
Jan. 22 & 29, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear and participate in a variety of stories, songs, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and make a simple craft in this half-hour program. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

TIP TOP TWO's
Jan. 8, Tues. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME
Jan. 13, Tues. at 10:30am Winter story time for children that are 3 to 5 years of age will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

POOH DAY
Jan. 14, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will celebrate Winnie the Pooh, and all his friends, with a craft, story and short film. Please register.

GAME ON!
Jan. 16, Fri. from 2pm to 4pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are welcome to play *Wii* and *PS2* games at the library. *Guitar Hero World Tour*, along with our other games will be available. Kids are welcome to bring their own games rated E (Everyone) or T (Teen). Snacks and drinks provided.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

READING BUDDIES
Jan. 9 & 23, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the second and fourth Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend. Call the library for location details.

***Wii* WANT TO HAVE FUN BOWLING**
Jan. 17, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Teens, 12 to 17 year olds, are invited to test their electronic bowling skills. Participation is limited; registration is required.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Jan. 20, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to a story time with music, a craft, and other activities. The theme this month is "Arctic Adventure."

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 21, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Jan. 26, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time that includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities. The theme this month is "Winter Fun."

BRRRRRR

Jan. 28, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten or older, will partake in some snowy fun with some of our favorite story characters. We will also have our annual indoor snowball fight and make a sparkling craft.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

YOUNG READERS

Jan. 8, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, ages 11 and up, will meet on the 2nd Thursday each month. Start the new year by reading a new author or genre and sharing a review with other young readers. Young Readers earn volunteer hours for some library projects. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 13, 20, 27, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by their caregivers, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. This is a three-week session and children are encouraged to attend one session each week. Please register.

CRAFTS & COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

Jan. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will "travel" to China as fortune cookies are made and the Chinese game Tangrams will be played. Please register.

OPEN GAMING

Jan. 15, Wed. at 6pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will enjoy open play on *PlayStation* with *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution*. A variety of board games will also be available. Please register.

CHESS KNIGHT

Jan. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) are invited to play chess, while developing new strategies and improving their skills. Bring a friend and join the group that meets the 4th Monday of each month. Please register.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

FIRESIDE STORIES

Jan. 13, Tues. at 10:30am or Jan. 14, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will gather around the fireplace to hear stories, songs, finger plays, and enjoy a cup of cocoa. Registration is required.

KIDDIE BITS STORY TIME

Jan. 20, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers from 24 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy 40 minutes of stories, finger plays, musical activities, and a simple craft. Please register.

Can you find all the words listed below in this letter maze? Give it a try and don't forget, words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonallly!

Puzzle courtesy of bookweekonline.com

Maze of Letters

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CATS
ENDANGERED
GENIUS
GOLD
HUNTERS
LEONARDO
RICHEST
WILDERNESS
WOLVES

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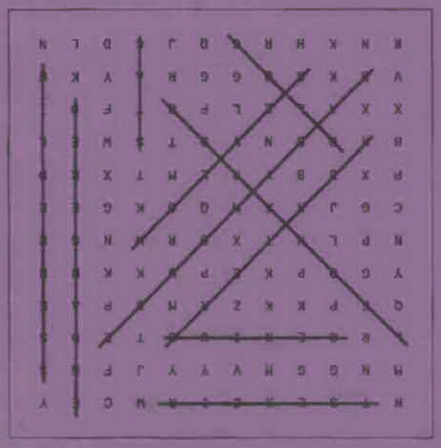

HELP! THERE'S A WORD MISSING FROM THE TITLE OF THE BOOK!

CAN YOU FIND IT? © 2004 Sue Alexander

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1. *HOW I CAME TO BE A* _____
2. *HOW DO* _____ *SAY GOODNIGHT?*
3. *IRA SLEEPS* _____
4. *DEATH VALLEY: A DAY IN THE* _____
5. *YOUNG CAM JANSEN AND THE* _____ *SKATE MYSTERY*
6. *HERE IS THE* _____ *RAIN FOREST*
7. *DIARY OF A* _____
8. _____ *SAVED US*
9. *HENRY AND* _____ *AND THE HAPPY CAT*
10. *IT'S A FAIR DAY,* _____ *BROWN*
11. *VENUS &* _____ *WILLIAMS*
12. *A POCKETFUL OF* _____
13. *ONE MORE* _____, *MAMA*
14. *LIZARDS,* _____ *AND WONDERFUL*
15. *NAT THE GREAT AND THE* _____ *BASE*

(Answer Key) ©2004 Sue Alexander
1. HOW I CAME TO BE A PIRATE by Melinda Long (Harcourt)
2. HOW DO DINOSAURS SAY GOODNIGHT? by Jane Yolen (Blue Sky Press)
3. IRA SLEEPS OVER by Bernard Waber (Walter Lorraine/Houghton Mifflin)
4. DEATH VALLEY: A DAY IN THE DESERT by Nancy Smiler Levinson (Holiday House)
5. YOUNG CAM JANSEN AND THE ICE SKATE MYSTERY by David A. Adler (Viking)
6. HERE IS THE TROPICAL RAIN FOREST by Madeleine Dunphy (Hyperion)
7. DIARY OF A WORM by Doreen Cronin (Joanna Cotler/HarperCollins)
8. BASEBALL SAVED US by Ken Mochizuki (Lee & Low)
9. HENRY AND MUDGE AND THE HAPPY CAT by Cynthia Rylant (Simon & Schuster)
10. IT'S A FAIR DAY, AMBER BROWN by Paula Danziger (Putnam)
11. VENUS & SERENA WILLIAMS by Madeline Donaldson (Lerner)
12. A POCKETFUL OF POEMS by Nikki Grimes (Clarion)
13. ONE MORE TIME, MAMA by Sue Alexander (Cavendish)
14. LIZARDS, WEIRD AND WONDERFUL by Margery Facklam (Little, Brown)
15. NAT THE GREAT AND THE STOLEN BASE by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat (Yearling/ Random House)

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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the

Life and Times of ABRAHAM LINCOLN

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of history's truly great men, Abraham Lincoln. Born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky, Lincoln grew up on the Indiana frontier. He became the 16th president of the United States (March 4, 1861-April 15, 1865) and was the first to be assassinated (on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre at Washington, DC). His presidency was completely dominated by the Civil War. One of the great highlights of this bitter period was his Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves, issued January 16, 1863, though they did not actually become free until April, 1865, after the War had been fought and won by the Union. His Gettysburg Address of November 19, 1863, with its commitment to democracy, is one of the classic speeches of all time. His proclamation of October 3, 1863, inaugurated an annual national day of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November. Lincoln's birthday is observed as a part of Presidents' Day in most states, though the actual day, February 12, remains a legal holiday in Illinois.

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Kathy Deal
Highland Branch Head

Library Staff Gives Back

There is a little known fact about the LCPL staff – they give back to their communities throughout the year, by means of various special projects.

Every month, the library staff gives back to the community through their monthly "dress down day." Two years ago, our Staff Association asked the Library Administration and Board if staff could dress down (wear jeans) one day each month. In return, staff would contribute at least $1 per person to a fund that would benefit one agency/organization in our community. Each month the staff at one of our branches makes the decision as to which organization will benefit from that month's Dress Down Day. For instance, Highland was asked to select the recipient for the December 2008 Dress Down Day. Given that it was close to the Christmas holiday, our staff selected The Salvation Army to benefit from our Staff Dress Down Day. Since February, 2007, the library staff has donated over $4,000 to such local organizations as NWI Food Bank; Hobart Humane Society; The Hospice of the Calumet Area; The Women's Center of NWI; The Cancer Resource Center; The Lion's Club; The Black Oak Old Firehouse Community Center; Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; the St John Township Food Pantry; Meals-on-Wheels; Parents as Teachers; St Jude's Children Research Center and the Salvation Army.

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During October of 2007 and 2008, staff has held a "Trick or Treat for Toiletries," whereby staff and patrons may drop off new toiletries and personal hygiene items for distribution to those in need. In October of 2008, all donated items where distributed to our neighbors affected by the severe flooding.

Due to the severe flooding in our communities in the fall of 2008, our Human Resources Department sponsored a special football jersey

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Dress Down Day to benefit the Lake Area United Way, who was assisting families affected by the flood.

Another way our staff gives back to our community is through the Mitten Tree, which is displayed in several of our locations each December and provides staff and patrons the opportunity to give new gloves, scarves, mittens, hats, and socks to the Visiting Nurse's Auxiliary to distribute to needy members of our community.

The U.S. Marines "Toys for Tots" bins are placed at our Central Branch Library each December for the collection of toys for needy children.

Finally, our Staff Association holds an annual Staff Christmas Raffle, with all proceeds going to purchase Christmas presents for an Angel Tree Family and the remaining proceeds going to the NWI Food Bank.

On a more personal note, change is in the air for the Highland Branch. Sometime in the spring of 2009, the Highland Branch Library will close for 3 to 6 months while an extensive remodeling of the interior of the building is completed. The staff at the Highland Branch would like to encourage our Highland patrons to visit the neighboring Griffith, Munster, Dyer-Schererville branches or any branch in the Lake County system. Please call one of these libraries or check the website www.lakeco.lib.in.us for updates on our closing and our programs.

"Wasn't there a town named Lottaville in the area? Whatever happened to it?"

Lottaville is one of a number of local towns which no longer exist. Lottaville and another town named Rexville became part of Merrillville. Aetna, Brunswick, Glen Park, Miller, and Tolleston were annexed to Gary. Clarke, Indiana City, and Pine (Calumet Township) are no longer towns. West Point was annexed to Cedar Lake. Dinnwiddie is no longer a town in Eagle Creek Township. Hessville, Robertsdale, and Roby were annexed to Hammond. Hartsdale was annexed to Schererville. Deep River no longer exists. For other names of towns that no longer exist and other local history questions, check our Indiana Room. We have books on the history of Lake County as well as vertical files with news clippings and other historical information.

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Income Tax Assistance

Tax counselors will provide free assistance for seniors and low income persons with income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills, and all federal and state booklets that you receive in the mail must be brought in with you. Dates and times will vary from February to April and an appointment is required. Please call 980-5180 to schedule your appointment.

Magazines

Staff Recommends

Ancestry Magazine – Six times a year, Ancestry Magazine delivers insight and ideas that tackle the tough questions about your family's yesterdays and provide the latest ways you can pass on the legacy for tomorrow. Articles by experts in the field focus on methodology, top research areas and the scope is national. The publisher also hosts a popular website on genealogy.

Everton's Genealogical Helper – is dedicated to helping genealogists. A column for upcoming events is included in every issue. Software reviews, web site URL listings, computer tips and substantive articles are some of the things you will find in this magazine. Each issue is separately indexed for subject, locality and surname.

Family Tree – is America's #1 family history magazine. It covers all areas of potential interest to family enthusiasts, including historical travel, family reunions, scrapbooking, ethnic heritage, memoirs and other ways that families connect with their pasts. Family Tree Magazine strives to give readers all the resources they need to discover, preserve and celebrate their family histories.

Internet Genealogy – is your guide to successful genealogical research using the ever increasing power of the World Wide Web. Internet Genealogy will also tell you what to do if you cannot find the records you need and how to confirm your findings. The magazine also covers advanced genealogical methods such as DNA analysis, as well as software and technology reviews, case studies, databases and other Internet-related family history topics.

these publications are in the Periodical Department and can be checked-out

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Abraham Lincoln will be found on the Upper Level through the month of February.

The Age of Lincoln by Orville Vernon Burton (973.7 BURT)

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin (973.7092 GOOD)

Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America by Allen C. Guelzo (973.714 GUEL)

Abraham Lincoln by Thomas Keneally (B LIN KENE)

Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years by Carl Sandburg (B LIN SAND)

The Eloquent President: A Portrait of Lincoln Through His Words by Ronald C. White (B LIN WHIT)

Central Library
1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
Feb. 1 to 28 *Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani. To register, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. See http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm for details.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Feb. 2 & 4 through Mar. 11, Mon. & Wed. at 6:30pm Four levels: Non-English Speaking; Beginning, Intermediate; Advanced. Individuals assessed to determine their level for these free classes. Bring pencil and paper. Call ext. 309 for details.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Feb. 3, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Feb. 4, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

EXPLORE YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH LAKENET
Feb. 4 & 11, Wed. at 6pm This class provides an overview of LakeNet and assistance in exploring the site. Register at ext. 334.

MAKING MEMORIES-A FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Feb. 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9, Mon. from 6pm to 8pm Co-sponsored by South Shore Arts. Registration required; call ext. 360.

GREAT DECISIONS
Feb. 10 & 24, Tues. at 6:15pm Topic: *US & Rising Powers*. $5 fee for briefing books, supply is limited Join for the entire series or please come as a guest to the first meeting. Please register at 769-3541, ext. 334.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Feb. 11, Wed. at 2pm Please register at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm Discussion of *Zorro* by Isabel Allende. Please register at ext. 340.

LEARN TO CROCHET
Feb. 17, Tues. at 1pm Bring a crochet hook and yarn. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Feb. 18, Wed. at 2pm Learn to locate, request, and renew items. Please register at ext. 346.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Feb. 20, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Free informational session. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Feb. 20, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Feb. 25, Wed. at 2pm Instructor available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

FREE MONTHLY LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS
Feb. 25, Wed. at 7pm Led by Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat. Please register at ext. 317.

SHIP - THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Feb. 28, Sat. from 10am to Noon Informational session. No reservations are required. For more information, call 219-836-1600, ext. 1878.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Feb. 9, Mon. at 12:30pm *Sick Shadows* by Marion Chesney. Books available at the circulation desk.

BOOK BUDDIES
Feb. 23, Mon. at 6:30pm Informal discussion of *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Refreshments served.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

DIGGING FOR YOUR ROOTS-GENEALOGY RESOURCES
Feb. 4 or 6, Wed. at 6pm or Fri. at 10:30am The class will introduce online and

book resources, including census, obituary, cemetery, military records, and ship's manifests. Registration required.

GRIFFITH GAB
Feb. 23, Mon. at 1pm Discussion of *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

SNACK & PLAN
Feb. 2, Mon. at 5pm Teens, 12 to 18 year olds, gather to eat, play games, and plan programs.

LOVE STINKS CHOCOLATE FEST
Feb. 9, Mon. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, have an 'Unvalentine's Day' with fear factor games, chocolate plastic, and making candy.

HISTORY VIDEO
Feb. 10, Tues. at 2pm Rare footage of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Refreshments served.

STAMP CAMP
Feb. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

CRAFTING MANIA
Feb. 16 & 17, Mon. & Tues. 3pm to 5pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, create Mardi Gras masks and piñatas. Materials and refreshments provided.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Feb. 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Discussion of *Musicophilia* by Oliver Sacks.

PIE PAN MANIA FAMILY FUN
Feb. 22, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages invited to enjoy stories, activities, and crafts using pie pans, pies and other treats.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: CRUISE MEXICO
Feb. 24, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore Mexico. Refreshments served.

GAME FEST
Feb. 25, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, engage in *PlayStation, Wii*, and other games. Snacks provided.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO: RONALD REAGAN
Feb. 2, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Refreshments served. Please register.

STAMP CAMP
Feb. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

GORDON WILDER TRAVELOGUE
Feb. 9, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Travel slides of Turkey and early Christian sites.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Feb. 10, Tues. at 2pm *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Feb. 11, Wed. from 10am-Noon Provided by Calumet Hospice.

CROSSROADS
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Meet Sr. Evelyn Brokish, Poverello Delights owner, and creator of the Choco-Nutty Trio. This free program is co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Refreshments will be served. Please call 972-7317 to register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm 7th grade and older snack, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Please register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: MONTANA
Feb. 16, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Please register.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
Feb. 19, Thurs. at 2pm *Safely Home* by Randy Alcorn. Please register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN: *DAVE*
Feb. 23, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Refreshments served. Please register.

THE VALUE OF LIFE COACHING
Feb. 24, Tues. at 7pm Led by Dr. Sarowitz and Dr. Risley. Please register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Feb. 26, Thurs. at 7pm *The Guards* by Ken Bruen. Please register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.html

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!
Feb. 2 to 28, Mon. through Sat. Help the Lake County Public Library celebrate 50 years of service by expressing what you love about your library and enjoy a kiss (Hershey's, that is) from us!

SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASS
Feb. 2, Mon. at 1pm Recipe demonstration and tasting. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Feb. 10, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Provided by Miller's Merry Manor.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
Feb. 11, Wed. at 6pm Celebrate the Chinese New Year, sampling Chinese cuisine and making a craft with a surprise inside. Please register.

GAME ON!
Feb. 16, Mon. from 2pm to 4pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, play *Wii, PS2*, including *Guitar Hero World Tour*. Snacks and drinks provided.

BOOK CHAT
Feb. 17, Tues. at 2pm Discussion of *Good Dog Stay* by Anna Quindlin.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

MAKING MEMORIES-A FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, Mon. from 6pm to 8pm Free, five-week series co-sponsored by South Shore Arts. A box meal provided each session. Registration required.

NAVIGATING THE NET
Feb. 3, Tues. from 10am to Noon Registration required.

MEET THE MOUSE: AN INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS
Feb. 5, Thurs. from 2pm

to 4pm to Noon Learn basic skills. Registration required.

INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL
Feb. 12, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Registration required.

FAMILY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Feb. 17 through Mar. 17, Tues. at 1pm Sandy Monroe from Purdue University Extension services will present a five session seminar: Small Steps to Health. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Feb. 24, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Provided by Miller's Merry Manor.

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8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA: *CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA* & *PAGLIACCI*
Feb. 4, Wed. at 7pm Lyric Opera Lecture Corps' Penelope Blake offers background of the operas *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Pagliacci* by Pietro Mascagni with musical highlights accompanying the presentation.

EXPLORE: SOUTH AFRICA
Feb. 19, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Video presentation of South Africa.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA: ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO
Feb. 25, Wed. at 7pm Lyric Opera Lecture Corps' Carl DiNello offers background of the operas *Abduction* from the *Seraglio* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with musical highlights to acompany the presentation.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Feb. 26, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Provided by Hospice of Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Feb. 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm Discussion of *An Unfinished Season* by Ward Just.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Feb. 26, Thurs. at 7pm A discourse of *Reflections on the Revolution in France* by Edmund Burke.

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Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES: *DAYS & CLOUDS*
Feb. 2, Mon. at 1pm For mature audiences; not rated by the MPAA; adults only; refreshments served.

1ST TUESDAY CRAFTERS
Feb. 3, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other crafters for an evening of crafting, conversation and view the latest crafting reading materials.

LOVE SONGS
Feb. 9, Mon. at 2pm Our Live Performance Series continues with the vocal and musical styling of Mercedes and Friends, performing popular love songs from all decades.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Feb. 11, Wed. at 2pm Learn the newest video game *Wii* with bowling and tennis. Refreshments served. Please register.

SCHOOL'S OUT – LET'S PLAY
Feb. 16, Mon. from 2:30pm to 4pm Teens (11 to 17 year olds) are invited to open play on *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*.

STAMP CAMP
Feb. 17, Tues. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS: SCENIC WALKS 1
Feb. 18, Wed. at 7pm Visit the Dingle Peninsula in Ireland, the Chilkoot Trail in Alaska, and Austria's Salzkammergut in this 70 minute travel video.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
Feb. 25, Wed. at 7pm or Feb. 26, Thurs. at 10:15am *Assassination Vacation* by Sarah Vowell.

PAINTING CLASS
Feb. 27, Fri. at 10:30am to 2pm Learn acrylic painting; $15 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

SIT & KNIT
Feb. 4 & 18, Wed. at 6pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project. All levels welcome.

STAMP CLASS
Feb. 9, Mon. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Feb. 10, Tues. at 10:15am Discussion of *Visions of Death* by J. D. Robb.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Feb. 11, Wed. at 2pm Learn the newest video game *Wii* with bowling and tennis. Refreshments served. Please register.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
Feb. 17, Tues. at 1:30pm *Life of Abraham Lincoln*. Runtime: 90 minutes. Refreshments served. Please register.

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For more details call ext. 324.

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PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 9 through Mar. 16, Mondays at 10am, 1pm, or 7pm- or Feb. 10 through Mar. 17 on Tuesdays at 10am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register

MAKING MEMORIES-FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Feb. 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9, Mon. from 6pm to 8pm Co-sponsored by South Shore Arts this free, five-week series includes writing, book making, reading, music, drama, and art, while the family (of a 3rd or 4th grader) creates a memory book of their experiences. A box meal will be provided each session. Registration required.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ABE!

Feb. 12, Thurs. at 4pm Abraham Lincoln was renowned as a teller of stories and jokes. School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade) will celebrate his tales and folksy wisdom. Have your picture taken with Honest Abe! Please register at ext. 360.

L ABOUT ADDY – *AN AMERICAN GIRL*

b. 26, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will listen to stories about Addy, *The American Girl* character searching for freedom from slavery, during the time of the Civil War. Children will also cook up a tasty treat from Addy's cook book! Please register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 10 through Mar. 17, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register.

LINCOLN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Feb. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm President Abraham Lincoln is 200! School age children, kindergarten and up, will celebrate his birthday with a story, craft, and piece of cake. Please register.

WE LOVE TO READ: VALENTINE'S STORYTIME FOR CHILDREN

Feb. 14, Sat. from 11am to 11:30am and 2pm to 2:30pm

Children, from ages 3 to 8, can join us at the Friends of the Lake County Public Library Book Fair at *Barnes & Noble* at the *Westfield Mall* and listen to fun stories about libraries and Valentine's Day. For more details call ext. 324.

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Forty-First Avenue Branch *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm*
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

CHOCOLATE LOVERS
Feb. 5, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, prepare and enjoy a chocolate dessert. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10 through March 17, Tues. at 4pm Six weeks of stories, games, finger plays, and crafts for 3 to 5 year olds. Please register.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 4pm Families are invited to celebrate the 200th anniversary of President Lincoln's birth with stories, games, and birthday cake! Please register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
Feb. 2, 9, 16, Mon. at 10:30am Lap-sit program with rhymes and rhythm for 6 to 35 months of age toddlers accompanied by their care-giver. Please register.

STARS AT NIGHT
Feb. 4, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, draw and paint a sparkling sky with magic water! Please register.

KIDS COOK DINNER
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, prepare a complete meal each session. There is an $8 fee for the entire program and registration is required.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10 through Mar. 20 on Tues. at 1pm and repeated each Fri. at 10:30am Six weeks of stories, games, finger plays, and crafts for to 5 year olds. Please register.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Feb. 11, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, participate in the story *Mr. Lincoln's Wiskers*. Please register.

SPONGY CHARACTERS
Feb. 18, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, create imaginative "spongy" craft. Registration required.

SUPER TOT CRAFT
Feb. 23, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, race and munch "roll away" pancakes. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm
10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN
Feb. 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10 through Mar. 17, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register.

TODDLER TIME
Feb. 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy a time of stories, games, and crafts to celebrate Valentine's Day.

CRAFTING MANIA
Feb. 16 & 17, Mon. & Tues. 3pm to 5pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, create Mardi Gras masks and piñatas. Materials and refreshments provided.

PIE PAN MANIA FAMILY FUN
Feb. 22, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages invited to enjoy stories, activities, and crafts using pie pans, with pies and other treats.

GAME FEST
Feb. 25, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, engage in *PlayStation, Wii*, and other games. Snacks provided.

CARNIVAL CRAZINESS
Feb. 26, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy a time of stories, games, crafts, and making a mini treat in this celebration of Carnival in Italy.

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

TODDLERS: BE MY VALENTINE
Feb. 10, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver will listen to stories, sing active songs, and participate in related activities during this lap-sit program with a loving Valentine theme. Please register.

FAMILY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10, 17, 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts during this six-week, evening lap-sit story time that runs through March 17th. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 11 through Mar. 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will listen to stories about Valentines, Bath-Time Fun, Friends, Stinky Clothes, Elephants, and Spring. They will sing songs, perform finger plays, and participate in a simple activity to enhance the theme of the program. Please register.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MAKE VALENTINES
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will listen to a Valentine story and create valentines for their loved ones. Please register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (7th grade and older) will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. This month they will finalize preparations for the *Dolly and Me Tea*. Participants will earn volunteer time. Please register.

DOLLY & ME TEA
Feb. 14, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Girls in 3rd grade and older are invited to bring their *American Girl*, Fancy Nancy, or other favorite dolls to this afternoon tea party planned just for them by the Teen Advisory Board. The girls will participate in several activities and have refreshments. February 6th is the last date to register.

TODDLERS: PUPPY PALS
Feb. 24, Tues. at 10:30am Puppies will be featured in this lap-sit program through stories, active songs, and related activities for 2 to 3 year olds accompanied by a caregiver. Please register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

HEART HEALTHY WORKSHOP
Feb. 3, Tues. at 6:30pm School age children, 1st through 6th grades, will learn how to combine healthy eating with an active lifestyle. The workshop will be presented by Jennifer Heinrichs, Physical Education Teacher and Wellness Director, with nutrition experience, will include resources to help school age children start a health program at home.

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VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb. 5, Thurs. at 4:15pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear Valentine stories and paint Valentine t-shirts. Children will need to bring a t-shirt. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10 through Mar. 18, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register.

FOR PRE-TEENS: WOVEN BRACELETS
Feb. 11, Wed. at 4:30pm Pre-teen kids, 9 to 14 year olds, will make woven bracelets. Teens, 15 to 17, are welcome to join us. Please register.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
Feb. 11, Wed. at 6pm The family is invited to celebrate the Chinese New Year, sampling Chinese cuisine and making a firecracker craft with a surprise inside. Please register.

TODDLER STORY TIME
Feb. 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, songs, finger plays, and simple crafts in this half-hour story time. Please register.

GAME ON!
Feb. 16, Mon. from 2pm to 4pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, play *Wii, PS2*, including *Guitar Hero World Tour*. Snacks and drinks provided.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

MAKING MEMORIES-FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, Mon. from 6pm to 8pm Co-sponsored by South Shore Arts this free, five-week series includes writing, book making, reading, music, drama, and art, while the family (of a 2nd through 6th graders) creates a memory book of their experiences. A box meal will be provided each session. Registration required.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10 through Mar. 18, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register.

VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb. 11, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make a Valentine craft and see a short film. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO's
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
Feb. 4 & 18, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's
Feb. 9 & 23, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: Valentine's Day and Birthdays. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's
Feb. 10, 10 & 17, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with themes this month: Valentine's Day, When I Grow Up, and Birthdays. All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 'ABE!
Feb. 11, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten or older, are invited to Abe Lincoln's 200th birthday party. We'll learn all about

our 16th president, have fun playing birthday games, and enjoy some birthday cake, too!

READING BUDDIES
Feb. 13 & 27, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the second and fourth Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend. Call the library for site location.

TENNIS ANYONE?
Feb. 21, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Children ages 12 or older are invited to test their electronic skills at playing tennis. Registration is required as participation is limited to 20.

SALT: THE ONLY ROCK YOU CAN EAT
Feb. 25, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will explore salt and the many mysteries surrounding it. We will also fabricate salt dough creations.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

CRAFTS & COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD
Feb. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will travel to Mexico as they play *La Loteria*, decorate boleros, and make sweet tortilla crisps. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10 through Mar. 18, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a six week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register.

MEET ABRAHAM LINCOLN
Feb. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to this program in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Michael O'Hare, a Lincoln, impersonator, will present his interpretation of our 16th president. In addition participants may join in a spelling bee. Please register.

YOUNG READERS
Feb. 12, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, ages 11 and up, will discuss and review books they have read about friendships. The YR group can earn volunteer hours for some of their projects. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

SCHOOL'S OUT – LET'S PLAY
Feb. 16, Mon. from 2:30pm to 4pm Kids, 11 years of age and up, are invited to open play of *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*. Please register.

CHESS KNIGHT
Feb. 23, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced can participate in a game of chess to learn new strategies and improve their skills. Bring a friend and join the group that meets the 4th Monday of each month. Please register.

St. John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ABE!
Feb. 7, Sat. at 1pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will enjoy celebrating president Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday with stories and a variety of fun activities. Registration is required.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10 or 11, 17 or 18, 24 or 25, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a six-week session (which stretches from February into March) filled with stories, songs, games, crafts, and films. Please register for either the morning or afternoon sessions.

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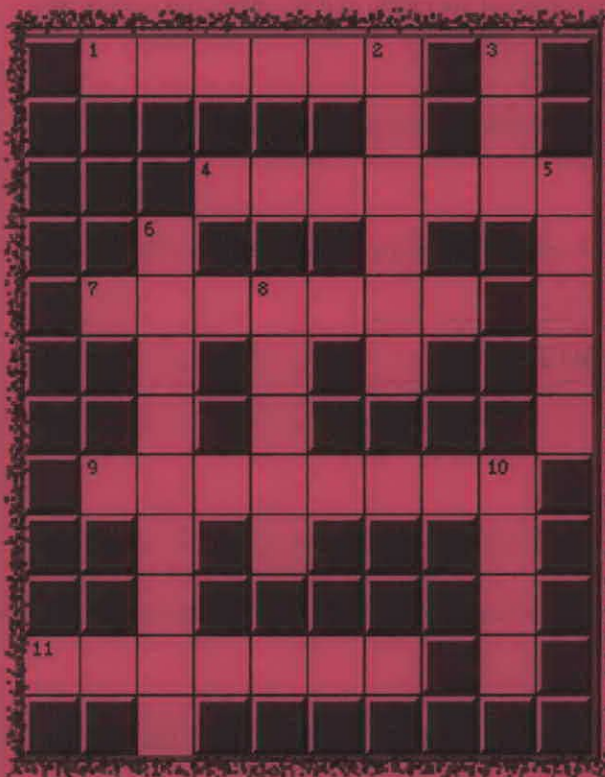

ACROSS
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4. Eighth planet from the sun
7. Closest planet to the sun
9. What meteors are called before they visit Earth
11. Fifth planet from the sun

DOWN
2. Planet with many rings
3. The closest star to Earth
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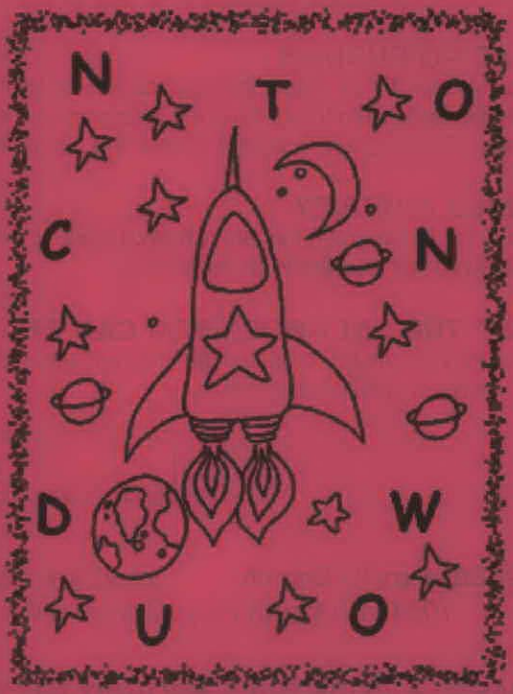

Blast Off for some fun! Games on this page are related to outerspace & our solar system.

SPACEY WORD SEARCH

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venus
mars
jupiter
saturn
uranus
neptune
telescope
stars
moon
sun
orbit
planet
stardust
meteor
comets
asteroids
spacecraft

Using just the letters in the word below, can you make at least 12 new words? **RULES:** You may only use a letter as many times as it is shown in the key word. Each word must be at least 4 letters long. **GOOD LUCK!**

ASTEROID

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See the letters around the rocket at the top of the page? Try to rearrange them to fill in the blanks:

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Life and Times of ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

What better role model could there be for Women's History Month than Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the most active first ladies in U.S. history? A niece of Theodore Roosevelt, she married Franklin D. Roosevelt, a distant cousin, in 1905. Busy raising their five children in the years immediately following their marriage, she didn't begin her political work until after he was crippled by polio in 1921. She traveled nationwide on lecture tours; held 350 press conferences for women reporters only; wrote a daily newspaper column, many magazine articles, and a number of books; worked with young people and the underprivileged; and fought for equal rights for minority groups. During World War II she dared to equate American racism with fascism. As an advocate for women's rights, she strongly supported equal pay for equal work. She believed that America's future security depended on a sound economy that promised jobs to all who wanted to work and in a healthy, well-educated citizenry committed to the principles of democracy and equality. Between 1945 and1951 she was a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, and in 1946 she was elected chairman of the UN's Human Rights Commission, where she helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1961 President John Kennedy appointed her head of the Commission on the Status of

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Library Love

While pondering the topic for this column a patron approached the Hobart reference desk to thank me for help with the computer. Afterwards I started to wonder what areas or services of the library were special to people. At dinner a few nights later I asked my four year old son what he loves about the library. His reply was simple and to the point: "I like the toys." So I pose this question to you: What do you love about your library? Here are some reasons why I love my library.

Libraries offer many wonderful avenues of adventure. And there is something for everyone. Despite the obvious: endless reading material and new movie releases, (I don't get out much these days) I love the library for a variety of other reasons. Mainly, the peace and comfort I find each day. Although the building may not be perfectly quiet, as in the old library days, the interaction between friends, family, and neighbors easily brings a smile to my face. My own former neighbors stopped in a few months back and we were able to catch up on the changes in our lives. Libraries are lively community centers. People come to use the resources but also to meet friends, plan organizational meetings, or share knowledge.

Another reason I love the library is the access to information. Where else can you go to learn new things for free? Since I have an insatiable curiosity I use library databases to research my daily queries. Whenever I hear things I am unfamiliar with, either on the news or while conversing with patrons, I look them up. The general Internet sources are helpful, but our databases are much better. Our Encyclopedia of Medicine, Encyclopedia of Children's Health, Reference USA,

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are just a few of my favorites. I have often described my job to friends as a "information manager." I manage the information stored in the library. A question arrives and I work my fingers to find the answer. Not all questions are easy, but then I utilize the resources of my colleagues throughout the Lake County Public Library system and together we solve the puzzle.

What else do I love about my library? The variety. It's always changing! Have you heard that our books float? No, not literally off the shelves (although sometimes I wonder…). Our books float throughout the library system. This means they never stay at the same branch for long. When Hobart patrons decide to start remodeling their homes or need grilling tips for that 4th of July holiday party, the library sees an influx of materials in these areas. Thus, the library collection changed because of your needs and interests. It is a constantly evolving process controlled by what we read and require at a given time.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary this year, I encourage you to come in and tell us why you love the library. We have a record book where patrons and staff have documented their reasons for visiting the library. We hope you will do the same so future generations of librarians and patrons will understand how important the library was in 2009.

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Reader's AdvisorY

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Cases Historic & Fictional

"I heard that Crown Point was the place where famous people would come to get married fast. What's that all about?"

During the years of 1915 to 1940, Crown Point was a well-known marriage mill. An estimated 175,000 couples flocked to the Lake County Courthouse to be wed, since it became associated as a "Quick and painless" marriage site. The Justice of the Peace, Howard Kemp, in those early years of the marriage mill, advertised in Chicago that Crown Point was the "Gretna Green of the Midwest," alluding to an area in Scotland where British couples eloped. In Crown Point, couples could marry 24 hours a day, seven days a week. However, a later-passed blood test law in Indiana (1940) stunted the Crown Point marrying mayhem; it then took couples three days to receive test results.

Among the famous people married in Crown Point were Rudolph Valentino (actor), Red Grange (football player), two of the Mills Brothers (singers), Muhammad Ali and Michael Jackson's parents.

Books

Staff Recommends

Heart-Shaped Box by Joe Hill

"A ghostly thriller written by Stephen King's son. Do not expect a Stephen King-like novel. His son is a very talented writer, but with a different voice than his father. WORTH READING!!!"

JMU/Dyer-Schererville

A Country Such as This by James Webb

"The turbulent period between the Korean and Vietnam Wars is incisively illustrated by the lives of three 1951 Naval Academy graduates; one from a gritty Pennsylvania steel town who becomes a fighter pilot, is shot down in Vietnam and spends six years as a prisoner of the Viet Cong; one from Appalachia whose circuitous journey eventually leads him to the U.S. Congress; and the third a brilliant scientist and engineer who works on the U.S. missile program. An illuminating chronicle featuring a multitude of wonderful characters and a fascinating insight into the America of that era."

LP/Reference

Bull Cook and Authentic Historical Recipes and Practices by George Leonard Herter and Berthe E. Herter

"This book is such a zany mixture of fact and fiction that it is almost impossible to put down. Along with the real (I think) recipes are the authors' own zany version of historical facts, e.g., the Mother of Christ's favorite food was spinach, or Johannes Kepler, 'whose work on astronomy is long forgotten,' is best remembered for having created liverwurst. Don't miss his excellent chapter on surviving a hydrogen bomb attack. Remember this: Using hot red pepp on food will make you almost immune to atomic radiation ('except in a severe form'). It will also help with a nervous upset stomach. I kid you not."

DB/Reference

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Women. She died November 7, 1962, at the age of 78, well deserving of her unofficial title of "First Lady of the World."

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Eleanor Roosevelt will be found on the Upper Level during the month of March.

No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, the Home Front in World War II by Doris Kearns Goodwin (B ROO GOOD)

This is My Story by Eleanor Roosevelt (B ROO ROOS)

Courage in a Dangerous World: The Political Writings of Eleanor Roosevelt by Eleanor Roosevelt (B ROO ROOS)

Without Precedent: The Life and Career of Eleanor Roosevelt (B ROO WITH)

Casting Her Own Shadow: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Shaping of Postwar Liberalism by Allida M. Black (973.917092 BLAC)

Eleanor Roosevelt's My Day by Eleanor Roosevelt (973.9170924 ROOS)

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1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lakeco.lib.in.us

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
March 1-31 *Open and Shut* by David Rosenfelt. To join the discussion, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. For more information visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Mar. 4, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Mar. 4, Wed. at 2pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

GREAT DECISIONS
Mar. 10 & 24, Tues. at 6:15pm. Topic: Afghanistan/ Pakistan. $5 charge for the briefing books. Please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

LEARN TO READ PATTERNS
Mar. 11, Wed. at 11am Learn to read and understand knitting and crochet patterns. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Mar. 11, Wed. at 2pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

BE YOUR OWN TRAVEL AGENT
Mar. 11 & 18, Wed. at 6pm Finding your best vacation prices and bargains. Basic web experience needed and registration required at ext. 334.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Mar. 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm Discuss *How Starbucks Saved My Life: A Son of Privilege Learns to Live Like Everyone Else* by Michael Gates Gill.

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB
Mar. 13, Fri. at 9:30am Centier Bank's Advantage Club free 2009 program Preview. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for further details.

GARDENING
Mar. 17, Tues. at 7pm Master Gardener Jim Colias will kick-off this year's nine month Gardening Series with a discussion of Beautiful Lawns. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Mar. 18, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to locate library materials, place requests, and renew borrowed items. Please register at ext. 346.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Mar. 20, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Free informational and interactive session focuses on understanding progressive dementias. This class should be taken prior to attending the advanced class. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Mar. 20, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm
The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Mar. 25, Wed. at 2pm Practice what you have learned. Instructor available for questions and individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

FREE MONTHLY LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS
Mar. 25, Wed. at 7pm Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat leads a revolutionary yoga class in body-mind medicine. Please register at ext. 317.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? -GENEALOGY SERIES
Mar. 28, Sat. from 10am to Noon First of five programs with Marlene Polster about Lake County Genealogy records. See our exhibit from March 2nd through April 30th.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Mar. 9, Mon. at 12:30pm Dessert and informal discussion of *Full Dark House* by Christopher Fowler.

SPRING FAMILY NIGHT
Mar. 13, Fri. at 4pm Families will welcome spring with stories, games, and a movie.

TEEN GAME NIGHT
Mar. 23, Mon. at 5:30pm Kids, 11 to 17 yeas of age, are invited to play *Wii* and *PS2* games. Please register.

BOOK BUDDIES
Mar. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm Dessert and informal discussion of *Night Chills* by Dean Koontz.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

BOOK CHAT
Mar. 18, Wed. at 7pm *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley.

GRIFFITH GAB
Mar. 23, Mon. at 1pm Bill Geist's *Way Off the Road*

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

SNACK & PLAN
Mar. 2, Mon. at 5pm Teens gather-eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids.

PRESS PLAY @ YOUR LIBRARY
Mar. 9 through 13 Teens, 11 to 18 year olds Teen Tech Week. Prizes and trivia games.

KNITTING CLASS
Mar. 9 & 23, Mon. at 7pm Beginning and experienced knitters. Bring size 7 needles and cotton yarn.

HISTORY VIDEO
Mar. 10, Tues. at 2pm *Nostradamus, Prophet of Doom*. Refreshments served.

STAMP CAMP
Mar. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

SUPERMARKET SAVINGS
Mar. 18, Wed. at 1pm Money saving tips from Corrine Powell, Consumer Family Sciences Extension Educator.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Mar. 18, Wed. at 6:30pm *A Long Way Gone: Memoir of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah.

CRAFTING MANIA
Mar. 19, Thurs. from 3pm to 5pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds. Vegetable prints on your own white or light colored t-shirt. All other materials and refreshments supplied.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME
Mar. 24, Tues. at 2pm *Vietnam, Land of the Rising Dragon*. Refreshments served.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Mar. 25, Wed. at 1pm Beginning computer users learn basic skills. Registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
Mar. 25, Wed. at 2pm Learn Windows and Microsoft Word. Registration required.

STEPPIN' OUT – BASIC DANCE
Mar. 25, Wed. at 7pm Learn, practice, and enjoy line dancing, cha-cha, and more. Refreshments will be served. Join the fun!

***RUNESCAPE* @ THE LIBRARY**
Mar. 26, Thurs. at 1pm Teens, 11 to 18 years of age, uninterrupted *RuneScape* play. Internet approval on your library card and registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Mar. 27, Fri. at 2pm Learn to find information on the internet. Registration required.

TOYRIFIC FAMILY FUN
Mar. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will participate in stories about toys, enjoy games, a film, and make a toy of their own.

GAMEFEST
Mar. 31, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, play a variety of *PlayStation*, and *Wii* games. Competitive tournaments available. Refreshments

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

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CROSSROADS
Mar. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Tanaz Bamboat shares this free program-Laughter Yoga. Co-sponsored with First Financial Bank and will take place at the Munster Branch Library during our renovation. Refreshments will be served. Please register at 972-7317.

Please call the Griffith Branch Library for book discussion details:

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Mar. 10, Tues. at 2pm

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
Mar. 19, Thurs. at 2pm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Mar. 26, Thurs. at 7pm

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.html

SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASSES
Mar. 2, Mon. at 1pm Cooking demonstration and taste testing. Recipes will be distributed. Register.

TEEN TECH WEEK
Mar. 9 through 13, Try new technology, submit articles for our blog, suggest titles for our Goodreads account, and/or create funny posters/signs/pictures with bighugelabs.com. For more information visit our blog: www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Mar. 10 from 1-3pm Provided by Miller's Merry Manor.

BOOK CHAT
Mar. 17, Tues. at 2pm *Innocent Traitor: A Novel of Lady Jane Grey* by Alison Wier.

SAND ART
Mar. 18, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited. Refreshments will be served.

FAMILY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Mar. 24, 31, Apr. 14, 21, 28, Tues. at 1pm Five-week series hosted by Sandy Monroe of Purdue University Extension educates family members on healthy eating and cooking. Registration required.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
[illegible]2-2409
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

FAMILY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 1pm Seminar continues: Small Steps to Health. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Mar. 5, Thurs. from 2-4pm Learn aspects of the World Wide Web. Registration required.

TEEN TECH WEEK
Mar. 9 through 13, Try new technology, submit articles for our blog, suggest titles for our Goodreads account, and create funny posters/signs/pictures with bighugelabs.[illegible]n. For more information visit our blog: www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com.

COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL
Mar. 9, Mon. from 1-3pm Learn how to create an email account with a free online email service. Basic computer knowledge and registration is required.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES @ SU BIBLIOTECA
Mar. 9 through Apr. 13, Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm Free English as a second language classes taught by the International Community Alliance. No registration required.

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Mar. 24, Tues from 1-3pm Provided by Miller's Merry Manor.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

CURB APPEAL
Mar. 11, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardeners Anna and Wayne Barnes will provide information and tips.

EXPLORE: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Mar. 19, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm

SHIP – STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Mar. 21, Sat. from 10am to Noon Medicare informational question and answer session Please bring your questions. Light refreshments. No reservations are required. For more information, call 838-4873.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Mar. 26, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Mar. 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Mar. 26, Thurs. at 7pm *Fifth Series of Great Books selection-The Education of Henry Adams* by Henry Adams.

SPRING VACATION MOVIE BREAK
Mar. 27, Fri. from 2-4pm All ages are welcome, though children 5 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult to view a film (title posted in the library).

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES: *A PECK ON THE CHEEK*
Mar. 2, Mon. at 1pm English subtitled film. For mature audiences; not rated adults only; refreshments served.

MAKING MEMORIES-A FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Tues. from 6pm to 8pm Free, five-week series. A box meal provided each session. Registration required.

STAMP CAMP
Mar. 10, Tues. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Mar. 12, Thurs. at 2pm Bowl or play tennis electronically with *Wii*. Refreshments served.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
Mar. 18, Wed. at 7pm Video exploration of Georgia.

PAINTING CLASS
Mar. 23, Mon. at 10:30am to 2pm Acrylic painting. $15 supply fee due at the time of class. Registration required.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
Mar. 25, Wed. at 7pm or Mar. 26, Thurs. at 10:15am *Pomegranate Soup* by Marsha Mehran.

YARD MASTER SERIES: NEW GARDENERS
Mar. 26, Thurs. at 6:30pm Gardening tips. Please register.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Mar. 4, Wed. at 2pm *Wii* Bowling or tennis . Refreshments served.

SIT & KNIT
Mar. 4 & 18, Wed. at 6pm Knitting, stitching, or crochet. All levels welcome.

STAMP CLASS
Mar. 9, Mon. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Mar. 10, Tues. at 10:15am *A Conspiracy of Paper* by David Liss.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Mar. 11, Wed. at 1pm Basic computer skills. Registration required.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
Mar. 17, Tues. at 1:30pm Alexander Graham Bell. Refreshments served.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
Mar. 18, Wed. at 1pm Learn Windows and Microsoft Word. Registration required.

OPEN GAMING
Mar. 21, Sat. at 2pm Teens play on *DDR* with *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution* on *PlayStation*. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Mar. 25, Wed. at 1pm Learn to access the internet. Registration required.

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For all those who have visited the Periodicals Department, you can be thankful for the department manager, Nancy Campbell, who took the helm way back in 2001. She reorganized, cleaned-up, expanded, refreshed shelves, installed displays, provided better seating, added computers and information stations, trained her staff to better assist with inquires, and offered journals to suit the needs of library patrons.

A proficient and skilled librarian, fair and hardworking supervisor, Nancy loved reading and she loved the library. She will be missed by her co-workers and by the patrons she served.

Nancy Campbell

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A special note of appreciation to Mrs. Marian Pavlak for her very generous donation to the Lake County Public Library.

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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

Happenings Jr. @ your library

Children's Programing

MARCH 2009

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Central Library www.lakeco.lib.in.us
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 2, 9, 16, Mon. at 10am, 1pm, or 7pm or Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 10am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in the last three weeks of this series of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register at ext. 360.

LOTS O' LEPRECHAUNS, LOTS O' LUCK

Mar. 12, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear stories about fairies, leprechauns, and other magical creatures. They will also play games, and make a craft. Please register at ext. 360.

THE SECRET LIFE OF TOYS

Mar. 26, Thurs. at 4pm At this playful program school age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will listen to great stories about toys, featuring *Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Tough Little Buffalo*, and *Someone Called Plastic*. Afterwards, participants will make their own toy to take home. Please register at ext. 360.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Mar. 30 or 31 through Apr. 20 or 21, Mon. or Tues. at 10am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, will learn songs, rhymes, and participate in activities accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Register for this four-week series.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

THE SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 1pm The pre-school spring story hour continues through the first three weeks of March for children ages 3 to 5 who will enjoy a different theme each week. Please register.

LEPRECHAUNS ON THE LOOSE

Mar. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day in this "green" program. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR –CONTINUES

Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 4pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, enjoy the last three weeks of the spring story hour with games and crafts. Please register.

THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX

Mar. 5, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten to 4th grade, are invited to hear from the *Tale of Despereaux*, play games, and make soup! Please register.

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Forty-First Branch...continued

SPRING FAMILY NIGHT

Mar. 13, Fri. at 4pm Families will welcome spring with stories, games, and a movie.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Mar. 23, Mon. at 5:30pm Kids, 11 to 17 yeas of age, are invited to play *Wii* and *PS2* games. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Mar. 27, Fri. at 11am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver are invited to this lap-sit program to sing songs, learn rhymes, and hear stories, all geared toward early childhood development. Please register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR –CONTINUES

Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 1pm or Mar. 6, 13, 20,Fri. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, enjoy the last three weeks of the spring story hour with games and crafts. Please register.

TAFFY PULL

Mar. 4, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will hear a chapter from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* that deals with Edmund's fondness of this Turkish delight - an old fashion taffy pull. Please register.

GAME DAY

Mar. 17, Tues. from 5:30pm to 7:30pm School age kids, kindergarten and up, will use *Wii* and *Guitar Hero* in addition to a variety of board games for an evening of fun. Please register.

ROBIN'S NEST

Mar. 18, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will celebrate the return of Robin Redbreast by making a nest for their room and listening to stories about spring birds. Please register.

SUPER TOT CRAFT

Mar. 23, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy the story about the Woolsey's haircuts and will create a wooly lamb to take home. Please register.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Mar. 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Children of all ages are welcome to enjoy the classic tale of *Charolotte's Web*.

SATURDAY MORNING WITH DESPEREAUX

Mar. 28, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will have a morning of fun and games based on the book The *Tale of Despereaux*.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in the continuation of our sessions of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register.

PRESS PLAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

Mar. 9 through 13 Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, can celebrate *Teen Tech Week* and win a prize by playing a daily trivia game. Some games will be online and some won't. This week celebrates all the things the library has that aren't books.

TODDLER TIME

Mar. 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

SHAMROCK SILLIES

Mar. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy a time of stories, games, crafts, and a tasty treat to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Ireland.

CHESS

Mar. 16, Mon. at 5:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

CRAFTING MANIA

Mar. 19, Thurs. from 3-5pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, will create vegetable print t-shirts. Please bring a white or light colored t-shirt. All other materials and refreshments will be supplied.

LIBRARY LUAU

Mar. 26, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy a time of stories, games, and crafts while enjoying a tropical inspired snack during a library luau.

TOYRIFIC FAMILY FUN

Mar. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will participate in stories about toys. They will enjoy games, a film, and make a toy of their own.

GAMEFEST

Mar. 31, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation*, and *Wii* games, as well as a variety of other

Highland Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

Highland Branch will be undergoing renovations for the next 3 to 6 months. Please check our other Lake County Public Library locations for programs dedicated to children.

There will still be a Summer Reading Program in June and July for the children at an off-site location in Highland. Watch this Happenings Jr. for updates and more information.

We apologize in advance for the inconvenience – these necessary renovations will help us to better serve you in the future.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at either 1pm or 6pm, or Mar. 4, 11, 18, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear and participate in a variety of spring stories, songs, finger plays and crafts during the last three weeks of the spring session. Please register.

A DR. SEUSS CELEBRATION

Mar. 5, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will celebrate Dr. Seuss with his books, a Dr. Seuss birthday cake, and a variety of Dr. Seuss activities. Please register.

TEEN TECH WEEK

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY TREASURE BOX

Mar. 11, Wed. at 4:30pm Teens (9 to 14 years of age) will create St. Patrick's Day Treasure Boxes. Please register.

SPRING TODDLER STORY TIME

Mar. 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear and participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and simple crafts. Please register.

SAND ART

Mar. 18, Wed. at 6pm Using colored sand, the whole family is invited to decorate glass jars to use as vases or containers. Refreshments will be served.

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Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR –CONTINUES

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DR. SEUSS

Mar. 11, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will celebrate Dr. Seuss, remembering him with stories, a craft, and a short film. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO's

Mar. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with themes this month: Spring, Telling Time, and St. Patrick's Day. All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Mar. 4, 18, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Mar. 9, 23, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: St. Patrick's Day and Spring. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

IDIOMS ARE A PIECE OF CAKE

Mar. 11, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten or older, will look at popular idioms and other figures of speech as we read *My Grandma Likes to Say* by Denise Brennan-Nelson.

READING BUDDIES

Mar. 13, 27, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the second and fourth Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

PUT 'EM UP!

Mar. 21, Sat. from 2-4pm Teens, 12 to 17 year olds, are invited to test their electronic boxing skills on our *Wii* gaming system. Registration required; limited to 20 participants.

STREGA NONA

Mar. 25, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten or older, are invited to hear some of *Strega Nona's* more popular stories and make spaghetti art.

SPRING VACATION MOVIE BREAK

Mar. 27, Fri. from 2-4pm Relax at the library and enjoy a film the entire family will be sure to love. All ages are welcome, but children 5 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult. The movie title will be posted in the library.

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Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR –CONTINUES

Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 1:30pm, 6:30pm or Mar. 4, 11, 18, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the last three weeks of the spring story hour with games and crafts. Please register once for the session of your choice.

MAKING MEMORIES-A FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Tues. from 6pm to 8pm Co-sponsored by South Shore Arts this free, five-week series is for children in 3rd through 6th grades and their parents as they experience different art forms each week from including writing, book making, reading, music, drama, poetry, and art. A guest presenter will attend each week to highlight the specific art form. A light meal will be provided and a book will be given to each family each week. Families sign-up for the five-week session and attend each week.

CRAFTS & COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

Mar. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm Children will travel to Ireland and join in on the St. Patrick's Day celebration, eating a green food craft and playing a lucky sorting game. Please register.

YOUNG READERS

Mar. 12, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, ages 11 and up, will meet at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. During the March meeting, the Readers will discuss and review books that they have read that have a magic element to the story. Young Readers can earn volunteer hours for some library projects. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

CHESS KNIGHT

Mar. 23, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced can participate in a game of chess to learn new strategies and improve their skills. Bring a friend and join the group that meets the 4th Monday of each month. Please register.

John Branch www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 3, 10, 17, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 4, 11, 18, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the last sessions of the Spring Story Hour with stories, songs, games, crafts, and films. Register for either the morning or afternoon program.

OPEN GAMING

Mar. 21, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will enjoy open play on *DDR* with *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution* on *PlayStation*. Please register.

Answers to questions found on page 6.

Word Scramble:

Old Faithful

True or False answers:

1. F Steamboat Geyser in Yellowstone's Norris Geyser Basin is the biggest geyser in the world.
2. T Bison are the biggest animals in Yellowstone.
3. T Yellowstone National Park was the first ever in the world. Congress decided to protect it for all time for the enjoyment of the people.
4. T The easiest way to avoid startling a bear is to make noise while you are hiking.
5. T While the animals may seem tame they are truly dangerous wild animals.

Did You Know?

Yellowstone National Park was established on March 1, 1872.

The following information (and answers found on page 5) is courtesy of the National Park Service/U.S. Department of the Interior website: nps.gov

What's this? Unscramble the letters and solve the puzzle.

DOL TAFFILHU

Yellowstone Coloring Book
Bison (Buffalo)

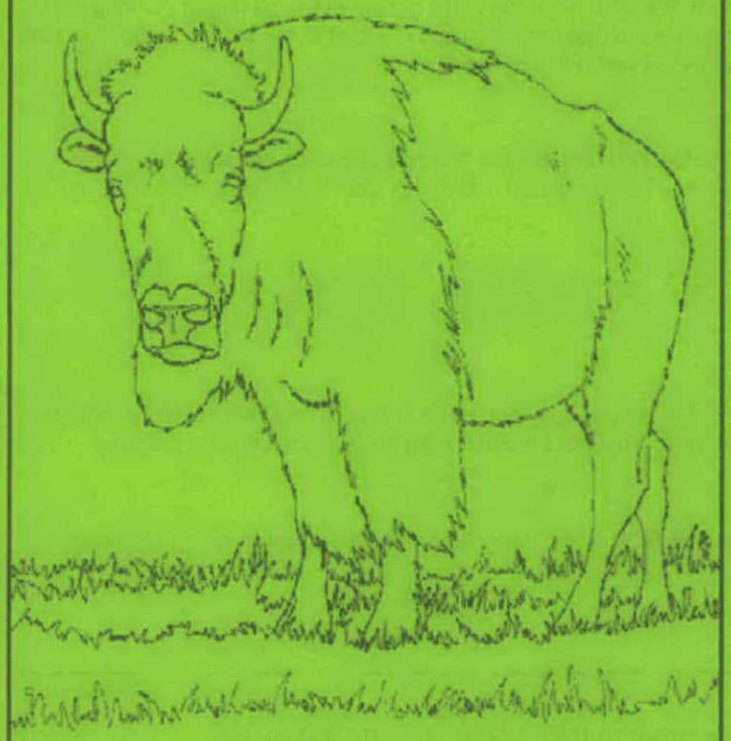

Illustration by Leslie Sims

Test Your Yellowstone Knowledge.

See how many of the following True/False questions you can answer correctly.

1. Old Faithful is the tallest active geyser in the world.
   T F
2. Bison are the biggest animals in Yellowstone.
   T F
3. Yellowstone was the first national park to be established anywere in the world.
   T F
4. While hiking the trails in Yellowstone it is a good idea to whistle, sing or talk loud so the grizzly bears know you are coming.
   T F
5. It is safe to get close to the animals you see in Yellowstone.
   T F

(Find the answers on page 5.)

Be sure to check out the selections available in our Children's department and don't forget to stop by our AV department for DVDs. Enjoy learning more of what our First National Park has to offer.

978.752 HALV	*Letters Home From Yellowstone* by Lisa Halvorsen	A first person account of a trip to Yellowstone.
M WARN	*The Growling Bear Mystery* by Gertrude Chandler	A Children's mystery
333.959 SWIN	*Once a wolf: How Wildlife Biologists Fought to Bring Back the Gray Wolf* by Stephen R. Swinburne	
363.700973 WHIT	*This Land Is Your Land* by Sylvia Whitman	The American Conservation movement
917.8752 KIRK	*Yellowstone, the First National Park* by Ruth Kirk	Geological history and photos of the park

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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the

Life and Times of JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

James Whitcomb Riley, beloved Hoosier and most popular American poet of his era, was born in a log cabin in Greenfield, Indiana, in 1849 to a frontier lawyer and his wife, who devoted her spare time to writing poetry. They feared that young James would never amount to anything, because he couldn't seem to grasp history or mathematics. To please his father, he attempted to become a lawyer, but couldn't concentrate on his studies. He wandered Indiana and other parts of the Midwest as a sign painter, then joined a "Miracle Medicine Show," hawking its products and entertaining the crowds with songs and poems. Later, he traveled all over the country on the Lyceum Circuit reciting his increasingly popular poems, which were based for the most part on his experiences as a Hoosier youth. Eventually, his poems were reproduced in lavishly illustrated books, the royalties from which made him the wealthiest American writer of his time. He became known as the "Hoosier Poet" and also as America's "Children's Poet." Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, which opened in 1924, was founded in his memory. Upon his death in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson remarked that "With his departure a notable figure passes out of the nation's life; a man who imparted joyful pleasure and a thoughtful view of many things that other men would have missed." Seems fitting for all Hoosiers to remember him especially during April, National Poetry Month.

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Chris Rettig
Assistant St. John Township Manager

Serving Independent Book Clubs

Need books for your book club? Lake County Public Library's Book Club *to Go* kits are an easy way to keep your club supplied with thought-provoking titles for discussion. Each kit contains 10-15 copies of a book, information about the author, and questions for discussion - all in a handy, wheeled tote bag.

Of the twenty-five kits currently available, one of the most popular titles is *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. In 19th Century China, promising young girls were paired with a *laotang*, or "old same." Lily, now eighty years old, tells the story of her childhood friendship with Snow Flower, how she came to love her, and how that love was twisted by misunderstanding and betrayal. Other titles offered include Michael Connelly's suspenseful *Echo Park*, the heart-wrenching *Memory Keepers' Daughter* by Kim Edwards, and Nancy Horan's *Loving Frank*, a fictional account of the scandalous love affair of architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

A complete list of Book Club *to Go* titles with summaries and reviews is available at www.lakeco.lib.in.us/bctg.htm. The kits may be requested up to 6 months in advance and kept for two months so independent clubs can plan ahead. Anyone with a valid Lake County Public Library card may request a kit by emailing bctg@lakeco.lib.in.us or by visiting any branch of the library.

If you'd like to start a book club but need some advice, consult one of several books on the topic in the library's collection. For example, *The Readers' Choice* by Victoria Golden McMains (028.1 MCMA) describes how to start and manage a book club and provides lengthy summaries of 200 book club favorites to get you started. Mystery lovers will enjoy Gary Warren Niebuhr's *Read 'Em Their Writes*, a mystery and crime fiction discussions that provides tips for

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running a discussion and

reading guides for 100 titles.

Talking About Books by Marcia Fineman (374.22 FINE) is a step-by-step guide for first-time book club members. Fineman covers the basic characteristics of a novel and provides many examples of questions that will spur discussion. For a wide variety of reading suggestions, Nancy Pearl's *Book Lust* and *More Book Lust* (011.73 PEAR) will make your head spin! Pearl, renowned librarian and voracious reader of all types of fiction and nonfiction, has collected her favorite reads into specific themes like "Codes and Ciphers", "Fiction for Foodies", and "True Adventures". If your book club needs a little spice, check out Sarah Gardner's *Read It and Eat*, a month-by-month guide that pairs book club selections with mouthwatering menus.

NoveList is a database (accessible in the library or at home) which assists fiction readers in finding new authors and titles. Short descriptions, reviews and series lists help you find just the right book to read next. Users can also browse over 1,200 theme-oriented booklists, 150 award-lists and 1,000 fiction related websites.

The Lake County Public Library offers many resources to help your independent book club succeed. We also invite you to join the discussions offered throughout the library system. If you'd like to participate in a club but time is an issue, sign up for BOOKreMARKS, the library's monthly online book discussion that enables readers to share their thoughts via e-mail.

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A Touch of Humor

"What is Dyngus Day?"

It's the Polish version of Easter Monday. The roots go back to spring observance in Poland, said to have begun with the coming of Christianity to the old country more than a thousand years ago. It is a sort of Post-Lenten Mardi Gras with kielbasa, beer, and a traditional piece of egg speckled with salt and pepper. South Bend is a hub for this event, along with the West Side Democratic and Civic Club. Working the crowds on Dyngus Day is a must for anyone running for political office in St. Joseph County, as well as national office-holders or candidates.

Magazines

Staff Recommends

ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA ONLINE

Public Library Edition

EB Online includes the complete encyclopedia plus *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and Thesaurus*, Britannica staff-selected web sites and multimedia. link on the upper right corner will lead to ***Britannica Online for Kids***. The **Kids** version contains *Compton's Encyclopedia, Britannica Elementary Encyclopedia* and *Merriam-Webster's Student Dictionary*.

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3. Compare the countries Afghanistan and Iraq – land, people, economy & government.

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JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of James Whitcomb Riley will be found on the Upper Level through the month of April.

James Whitcomb Riley: A Life by Elizabeth J. Van Allen (B RIL VANA)

James Whitcomb Riley: The Poet as Flying Islands of the Night by Thomas Earl Williams

James Whitcomb Riley as I Knew Him: Real Incidents in the Early Life of America's Beloved Poet by Minnie Belle Mitchell (B RIL MITC)

A Day with Riley in Indiana: In Grateful Memory of Our Hoosier Poet-Laureate by Horace Ellis (811.4 ELLI)

James Whitcomb Riley in Prose and Picture by John A. Howland (B RIL HOWL)

Letters of James Whitcomb Riley by James Whitcomb Riley (B RIL RILE)

Central Library
1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
April 1 to 30 To join the dicussion of Paula Poundstone's *There's Nothing in This Book That I Meant to Say*, send an email to remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us. Visit http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Apr. 1, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Apr. 1, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Apr. 8, Wed. at 2pm Learn to search on the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Apr. 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm *The True History of the Kelly Gang* by Peter Carey.

GENEALOGY
Apr. 11, Sat. at 2pm Explore Irish genealogy, in this edition of Indiana Heritage Series *Who Do You Think You Are?* Please register at ext. 346.

WORLDS CONNECT @ YOUR LIBRARY
Apr. 12 to 18 It's *National Library Week*, celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers nationwide. Discover how worlds connect @ your library. Celebrate *National Library Week.* Open house with displays at the main library April 18th from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments, games and videos. Gift baskets drawing at end of the day. For more information, visit www.lakeco.lib.in.us or call 769-3541, ext. 337.register at ext. 334.

KNIT/CROCHET
Apr. 13, Mon. at Noon Learn to read knitting and crochet patterns. Register at ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS
Apr. 14 & 28, Tues. at 6:15pm *Energy and the Global Community.* ***One time $5 charge for materials.*** **You're welcome as a guest if you prefer not to join entire series. Please register at ext. 339.**

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Apr. 15, Wed. at 2pm Learn to use the online library catalog. Please register at ext. 346.

HOW TO FIND A GOOD BOOK
Apr. 15 & 22, Wed. at 6pm An introduction to helpful resources. Please register at ext. 340.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Apr. 17, Fri. from 10-11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Apr. 17, Fri. from Noon-1:30pm The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

FREE MONTHLY LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS
Apr. 20, Mon. at 7pm Revolutionary yoga class combining laughter and breathing exercises. Please register at ext. 317.

MONTHLY GARDENING SERIES
Apr. 21, Tues. at 7pm "Garden Conifers-Plants for all Seasons" presented by Master Gardener Arlene Dunn. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Apr. 22, Wed. at 2pm Instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Apr. 13, Mon. at 12:30pm Dessert and informal discussion of *Speak Now* by Margaret Dumas.

BOOK BUDDIES
Apr. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm Dessert and an informal discussion of *Second Glance* by Jodie Picoult.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Apr. 14, Tues. at 2pm *The Abortionist's Daughter* by Elizabeth Hyde discussed

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at the Griffith Branch Library during Highland Branch renovation.

BOOK CHAT
Apr. 15, Wed. at 7pm Dessert discussion of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
Apr. 16, Thurs. at 2pm *The Elevator* by Angela Hunt discussion at the Griffith Branch Library during Highland Branch renovation.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Apr. 23, Thurs. at 7pm John Hart's *Down River* at the Griffith Library during Highland Branch renovation.

GRIFFITH GAB
Apr. 27, Mon. at 1pm *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

COMPUTER CLASS: E-MAIL BASICS
Apr. 1, Wed. at 1pm or 6:30pm or Apr. 20, Mon. at 1pm Learn how to e-mail and get a free email account. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
Apr. 6, 16, 30, Wed. at 2pm, Mon. at 7pm, Thurs. at 2pm Learn the keyboard, Windows desktop, word processing, and find help. Registration required.

SNACK & PLAN
Apr. 6, Mon. at 5pm Teens, 12 to 18 years of age, eat, play games, plan programs teens, and earn volunteer time.

GENEALOGY ON THE WEB
Apr. 7 or 29, Tues. at 1pm, Wed. at 7pm Trace your ancestors on *Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Pro-Quest Obituaries* databases. Bring whatever information you have.

***TWILIGHT* @ THE LIBRARY**
Apr. 8, Wed. at 4pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, enjoy *Twilight* in book and movie! Play games and munch on snacks.

STAMP CAMP
Apr. 8, Wed. at 6:30pm Please bring adhesive and scissors. $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided due at the time of class. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: ONLINE CATALOG
Apr. 9 or 20, Thurs. at 1pm or Mon. at 7pm Learn the online library catalog. Registration required.

TRIVIA MANIA
Apr. 13 to 18 Celebrate *National Library Week* by playing a new daily trivia game and be eligible for a basket drawing.

KNITTING CLASS
Apr. 13 & 27, Mon. at 7pm Beginning and experienced knitters; bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

HISTORY VIDEO
Apr. 14, Tues. at 2pm *Restoring the Legend: The French Lick Springs Hotel* Refreshments served.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Apr. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm Discuss *The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Apr. 16 or 30, Thurs. at 1pm Learn basic skills. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Apr. 22, Wed. at 1pm or 6:30pm Learn how to search the internet. Registration required.

SPRING FLING
Apr. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All family members can celebrate spring with stories and more!

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: CANYONLANDS
Apr. 28, Tues. at 2pm Video presenation of the Grand Canyon and the Canyonlands. Refreshments served.

GAMEFEST
Apr. 29, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation, Wii*, and other games, including spoons.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS@THE LIBRARY
Apr. 30, Thurs. at 1pm Instructor available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Registration required.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

CROSSROADS
Apr. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am Clarence McCoy Please see Munster listing.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Apr. 14, Tues. at 2pm *The Abortionist's Daughter by Elizabeth Hyde*. Please see Griffith listing.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
Apr. 16, Thurs. at 2pm *The Elevator* by Angela Hunt. Please see Griffith listing.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Apr. 23, Thurs. at 7pm John Hart's *Down River* Please see Griffith listing.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

BOOK GIVEAWAY
April 1-30 Receive one free book from the book resale room for the month of April. For more details visit: www.hobartlibrary-booknook.blogspot.com.

TEEN GAMING
Apr. 8, Wed. from 2-4pm *PlayStation 2* and *Wii* available for teens. Refreshments will be served.

SPRING MOVIE BREAK
Apr. 9, Thurs. from 2pm to 4pm *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* (PG). Refreshments served.

***NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK* EVENTS**
Apr. 12 through 18 Celebrate *National Library Week* by participating in a variety events this week.

HEALTHY EATING
Apr. 14, 21, 28, May 5 & 12, Tues. 1pm Five-week series by Purdue University Extension. Sandy Monroe will cover a different topic each week Registration required.

***TWILIGHT* PROM COMMITTEE**
Apr. 15, Wed. at 4pm Any teen interested in helping plan the *Twilight* Prom can join the committee. Refreshments will be served.

BOOK CHAT
Apr. 21, Tues. at 2pm

Escape by Carolyn Jessop Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Apr. 6, 8, 13, 15, Mon. & Wed., 6:30-8pm Free classes to learn English, by the International Community Alliance.

TEEN GAMING
Apr. 14, Tues. from 3-5pm *PlayStation 2* and *Wii* games available for teens. Refreshments will be served.

MORNING BOOK CHAT
Apr. 16, Thurs. at 10:30am Discuss *Burning Bright* by Lucy Chevaller

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

GREAT TIPS FOR NEW GARDENERS
Apr. 1, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Dolly Foster presents new ideas for beginning gardeners.

CROSSROADS
Apr. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am Clarence McCoy of Lake County Whittlers and Purdue University Woodcarving. Refreshments served. Please call 972-[illegible]7 to register.

EXPLORE: AUSTRALIA
Apr. 16, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Tour the Opera House to the Harbor Bridge to Circular Quay.

MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN
Apr. 22, Wed. at 7pm Louise Thompson of the Alzheimers' Association covers managing the risk factors and maintain optimal brain functions.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Apr. 23, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Apr. 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Apr. 30, Thurs. at 7pm A discourse of *King Lear* by William Shakespeare.

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Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
Apr. 6, Mon. at 1pm *A Simple Curve* Mature audiences; not rated by the MPAA; adults only; English subtitles. Refreshments served.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Apr. 7, Tues. at 2pm Participate in bowling or tennis on *Wii*. Refreshments served. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Apr. 9, Thurs. at 1pm Learn basic skills. Registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
Apr. 13, Mon. at 1pm Learn basic computer functions and Windows. Rudimentary use of Microsoft Word is discussed. Registration is required.

STAMP CAMP
Apr. 14, Tues. at 6:30pm $5 fee for supplies, including glue sticks. Registration required.

LET'S PLAY!
Apr. 15, Wed. from 6:30-8pm Teens, 11 to 17, play *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*.

SHIP – STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Apr. 18, Sat. from 10am-Noon Topics: new and existing *Medicare* beneficiaries. Please bring your questions. Refreshments served. No reservations are required. For more information, call 838-4873.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Apr. 20, Mon. at 1pm Learn internet searching. Registration is required.

LIFE COACHING DEMONSTRATION
Apr. 21, Tues. from 6:30-8pm Life coach, Dr. Myrna Sarowitz will cover how to identifiy what is holding you back and move forward to a more fulfilled life. Please register.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
Apr. 22, Wed. at 7pm Mt. Kilimanjaro, New Zealand, and the trails of the Grand Canyon in this 70 minute video.

YARD MASTER SERIES: BUTTERFLY GARDENS
Apr. 23, Thurs. at 6:30pm Attracting beautiful butterflies to your garden by Master Gardener Dian Fruth.

PAINTING CLASS
Apr. 24, Fri. from 10:30am to 2pm Acrylic painting class. $15 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. Please register.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
Apr. 29 or 30, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am *The Coffee Trader* by David Liss.

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9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Apr. 1, Wed. at 2pm Participate in electronic bowling or tennis on *Wii*. Refreshments served. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: CAT-A-LOG CARE
Apr. 2, Thurs. at 1pm Learn the online library catalog. Registration is required.

STAMP CAMP
Apr. 6, Mon. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

SIT & KNIT
Apr. 8 & 22, Wed. from 6-8pm Knitting, stitching, or crochet. All levels welcome.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Apr. 14, Tues. at 10:15am *Sugar House* by Laura Lippman. Please register.

INTER-GENERATIONAL GAMING DAY
Apr. 18, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, parents, and grandparents play *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero* and *Dance-Dance Revolution*.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
Apr. 21, Tues. at 1:30pm video biography of Humphrey Boart. Refreshments served. Please register.

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Julie Bray	Judith Hisick	Donna Lison	Mindy Riegert	Cathy White
Dolores Callahan	Glenda Hoots	Richard & Dawn Meadows	Constance & Terry Ruehl	Vicky Wolfe
Marjorie & Sam Campbell	Patricia & Jeffery Hoshaw	Jodi Melon	Barbara Rutkowski	Joan Zaradich
Cheryl Carroll	Kathy Hundt	Mary Mitsos	Debbie Rzepczynski	Anonymous
Kathy Deal	Debra Iliff	Sue Muiser	Barbara Sakowski	
Marianne Deffenbaugh	Linda Johnsen	Vicky Murphy	Harriet & Milton Scheidt, Jr.	
Linda Dunn	Barbara Jurs	Ingrid Norris	Heidi Shirley	
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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

Happenings Jr. @ your library

Children's Programing

APRIL 2009

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1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE SERIES

Apr. 6 or 7, 13 or 14, 20 or 21, Mondays or Tuesdays at 10am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, will learn songs, rhymes, and activities along with their mothers or caregivers. Register once for the sessions of your choice.

DRESS UP TEA PARTY

Apr. 9, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will listen to fun and fascinating stories, get "dressy" with a silly hat, and have tea and refreshments. Please register at ext. 360.

OUR PLANET EARTH

Apr. 23, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten to 4th grade, will hear stories about the different biomes on Earth and make a craft. Please register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

SPRING FRIENDS' GIFT CANS

Apr. 9, Thurs. at 4:30pm An empty soup can, some paint, and a few other items will be transformed into a cute canister. School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to participate in this craft. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 2, Thurs. at 11am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit program to sing songs, learn rhymes, and hear stories all geared toward early childhood development. Please register.

TOTALLY 2's AND 3's

Apr. 7, Tues. at 11am Time to enjoy games, songs, and a craft just for 2 and 3 year olds. Please register.

NATURE CLUB

Apr. 24, Fri. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, celebrate Arbor Day with Nature Club! We'll play games, hear stories, go on a nature hike (weather permitting) and make an Arbor Day craft. Please register.

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Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

ALL FOOLS DAY

Apr. 1, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will wear a silly hat, make an easy Court Jester puppet, and play some backward games.

PRE-SCHOOL SPRING SPECIAL

Apr. 3 or 7, Fri. at 10:30am or Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will create art using water in a variety of ways.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 6, 13, 20 & 27, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in this lap-sit program with rhymes and rhythms from Mother Goose.

PEEPS PLAYING

Apr. 15, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will participate in dueling peeps...can rabbits out do the chicks? Peeps, swords, and a microwave will be provided by the library!

SUPERTOTS

Apr. 29, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, will dress kitty for some rainy day fun.

PALM TREE MAGIC

Apr. 29, Wed. at 3:30pm School age kids, kindergarten and up, will learn how to make a newspaper palm grow and more as we remember the importance of Arbor Day.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm
10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

POETRY MADNESS

Apr.1-30 Youngsters, 11 years of age and older, will celebrate poetry by creating poems from words and pictures cut from magazines. Poems will be displayed in the library and poets will receive a prize for each poem they write.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 2, 9, 16, & 23, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, infants to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities during this four-week session.

SNACK & PLAN

Apr. 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Apr. 7, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschool age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a time of stories, songs, a short video, and a craft to celebrate the return of spring.

TWILIGHT @ THE LIBRARY

Apr. 8, Wed. at 4pm Teens, 11 to 18 year olds, enjoy the book and movie *Twilight*. Play games and munch on snacks all with a vampire/human twist.

PLAYING WITH PIPPI!

Apr. 9, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, are invited to learn about Sweden, Pippi Longstocking, and participate in games and a craft.

TRIVIA MANIA FOR *NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK*

Apr. 13 to 18 Celebrate *National Library Week* by playing a new trivia game each day. Compete in a library treasure hunt, win a small prize, and be entered into a drawing for a basket full of library goodies!

PAJAMA TIME!

Apr. 13, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will celebrate *National Library Week* as they participate in a variety of fun activities, including a book hunt. Children may wear their pajamas to this special story time.

CHESS
Apr. 20, Mon. at 5:30pm Kids in grades 3 and up will learn the basics of chess, practice their skills, and learn effective strategies. All level of players are welcome.

DOWN ON THE FARM
Apr. 21, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a time of stories, songs, a short video, and a craft about life on the farm.

UNDER THE SEA
Apr. 23, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, will explore the ocean world through stories, games, and a craft.

SPRING FLING
Apr. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All family members can celebrate spring with stories and more! Start your garden with a plant you begin growing at the library. Grow some grass for a craft, too.

GAMEFEST
Apr. 29, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation, Wii*, and a variety of other games, including spoons. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food & pop provided. Join the fun.

Highland Branch www.lcplin.org/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

Highland Branch is undergoing renovations. Please check our other Lake County Public Library locations for programs dedicated to children.

There will still be a Summer Reading program in June and July at an off-site location in Highland. Watch this Happenings Jr. for updates and more details.

We apologize for the inconvenience – these necessary renovations will help us to better serve you in the future.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lcplin.org/hobart.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

BOOK GIVEAWAY
April 1-30 The Hobart Branch Library is giving away one free book from the book resale room this month. For more details and to enter the giveaway visit: www.hobartlibrarybooknook.blogspot.com.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR: HATCHABLE DINOSAUR EGGS
Apr. 7, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear spring stories, songs, finger plays, and make hatchable dinosaur eggs. Please register.

TEEN GAMING
Apr. 8, Wed. from 2-4pm *PlayStation 2* and *Wii* games will be available for open play for teens. Refreshments will be served.

SPRING BREAK MOVIE
Apr. 9, Thurs. from 2-4pm *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* (rated PG) will be shown on the big screen for kids of all ages. Refreshments will be served.

BOARD GAME FUN
Apr. 9, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear a story and have fun playing board games. Please register.

TWILIGHT PROM COMMITTEE
Apr. 15, Wed. at 4pm Any teen interested in helping to plan the *Twilight* Prom can join the committee. Refreshments will be served.

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Forty-First Branch...continued

HEART HEALTHY WORKSHOP

Apr. 21, Tues. at 6:30pm School age children, 1st through 6th grades, will learn how to combine healthy eating with an active lifestyle. The workshop will be presented by Jennifer Heinrichs, a Physical Education Teacher and Wellness Director, who also has nutrition experience. It will include resources to help school age children start a health program at home.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Apr. 22, Wed. at 4:30pm Pre-teens (9 to 13 year olds) will focus on recycling old materials to make new items. They will make coin purses from used milk, soy, and juice cartons. Cushions created from plastic bags and newspaper, called "sit-upons," will also be made. Participants must bring a carton (including screw top or snap on lid) and plastic bag. All other materials will be provided. Teens (14 to 17 year olds) and invited to join in the fun. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

TIP TOP TWO's

Apr. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Apr. 14, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to a story time that will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

TEEN GAMING

Apr. 14, Tues. from 3-5pm *PlayStation 2* and *Wii* games will be available for open play for teens. Refreshments will be served.

ASTRONOMY

Apr. 22, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will share information about astronomy to observe the *Year of Astronomy 2009*. Included will be a short movie and a craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 1 & 15, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Apr. 6 & 20, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: *Easter* and *Mother Earth*. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

WHAT'S YOUR CANDY BAR PERSONALITY?

Apr. 8, Wed. 4pm School age children, currently in kindergarten or older, are invited to a program all about candy. They will hear mouth-watering stories, play sweet games, and make a delicious craft.

READING BUDDIES

Apr. 10 & 24, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the second and fourth Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend. Call for details.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Apr. 14 & 28, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with themes this month on *Easter* and *Mother Earth*. All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

WORLDS CONNECT @ YOUR LIBRARY

Apr. 16, Thurs. at 4pm In honor of *National Library Week*, we're celebrating libraries around the world. Tour the world through crafts and stories. The program is designed for pre-school through elementary age children, but all ages are welcome. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Wii WANT TO HAVE FUN BOWLING

Apr. 18, Sat. from 2-4pm Children, age 12 or older, are invited to test their electronic bowling skills. Please register.

EARTH DAY

Apr. 22, Wed. at 4pm It's Earth Day and children, currently in kindergarten or older, are invited to make an Earth-friendly craft and hear stories about *Mother Earth.*

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 7, 14, 21, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, rhymes, and rhythms. Children are encouraged to attend all three sessions.

CRAFTS & COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

Apr. 8, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will "return" to the United States and play a trivia game for all the countries visited and make a patriotic craft. Registration required.

YOUNG READERS

Apr. 9, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, are invited to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month to discuss and review books, while earning volunteer hours for some library projects. In April they will concentrate on historical fiction while earning volunteer hours for some library projects. Refreshments served. Please register.

MAKE IT & TAKE IT

Apr. 11, Sat. from 10-Noon A member of the Schererville Garden Club will talk about birds to school age children, kindergarten and up, who will make a pine cone bird feeder. Please register.

LET'S PLAY!

Apr. 15, Wed. from 6:30-8pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, play *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*.

CHESS KNIGHT

Apr. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced can participate in a game of chess and improve their skills through new strategies. Bring a friend and join the group that meets the 4th Monday of each month.

St. John Branch www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Apr. 4, Sat. at 11:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to watch the Disney animated movie *Bolt*, rated PG; 96 minutes run time. Bring snacks or lunch (no red or dark liquid please). Please register.

OVER IN THE BARNYARD

Apr. 7 or 8, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy hearing the story *Wake Up, Henry Rooster!* by Margriet Ruurs and other farm stories, participate in musical activities, finger plays, and make a craft. Please register.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Apr. 14 or 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to celebrate *National Library Week* through stories, finger plays, musical activities, games, and a snack. Everyone is encouraged to join the fun by wearing their clothing backward! Please register.

TER-GENERATIONAL GAMING DAY

Apr. 18, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, parents, and grandparents will enjoy open play on *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero,* and *Dance-Dance Revolution.*

Spring Flowers Search

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FORGET ME NOTS
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IRIS
LADY'S SLIPPER
LILY
NARCISSUS
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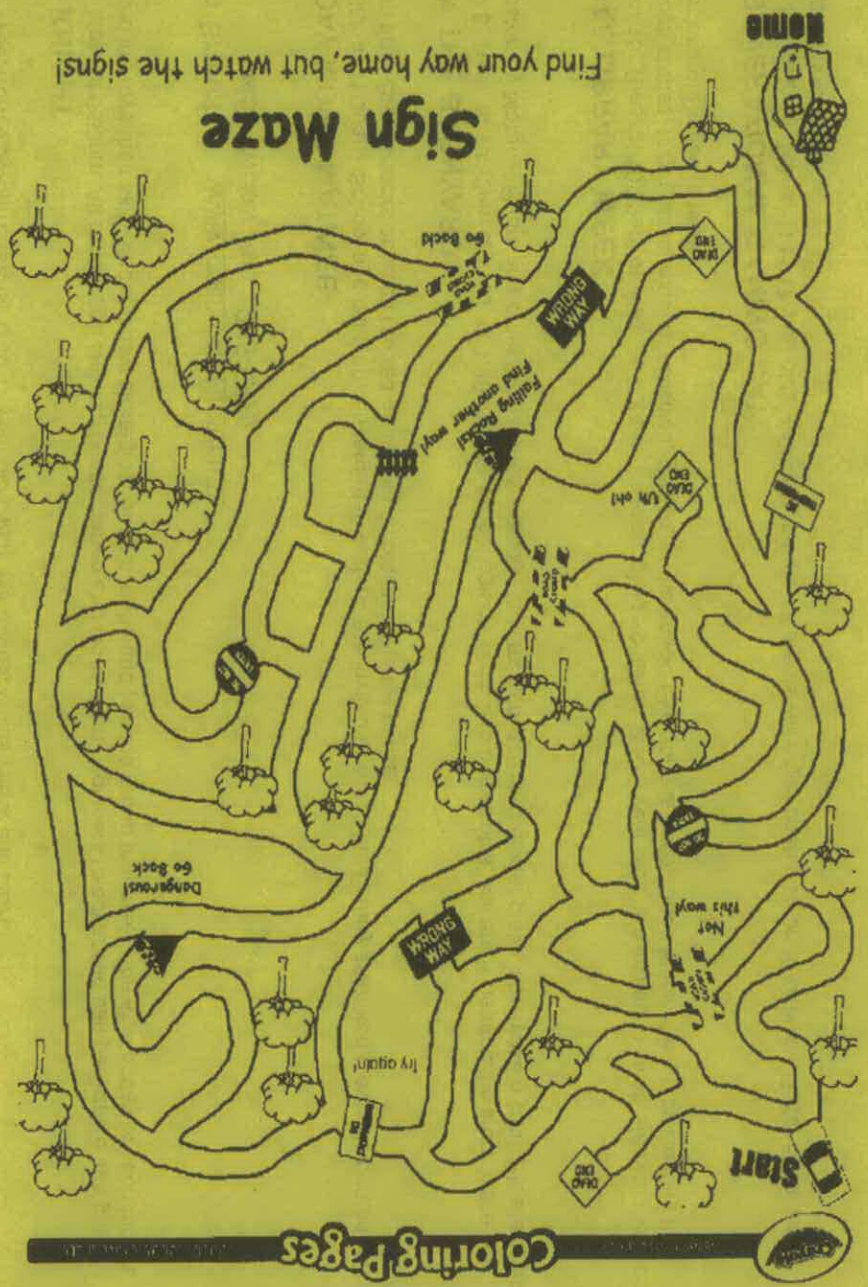

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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the
Life and Times of JOHN JAMES AUDUBON

One of the first naturalists to study and paint the birds of North America, John James Audubon, was born in Haiti in 1785, the son of a French sea captain. His mother died shortly after his birth, and he was brought up in France until, in 1803, his father sent him to Pennsylvania to manage his estate near Philadelphia. There he met and married Lucy Bakewell.

For several years he was involved in various business ventures, but he became increasingly obsessed with his avocation, studying and drawing birds. In 1819 hard times ended his business career, and in 1820 conceived the idea of printing a collection of his paintings. Unable to find an American publisher, he traveled to England and Scotland where his pictures created a sensation, and Birds of America was printed in four parts between 1827 and 1838. He returned to the United States in 1839, where he published American editions of his collections of pictures and continued his wilderness trips to study and record the birds and animals he observed.

Though he died in 1851, his love for wild life and interest in its preservation have lived on through the organization which bears his name, the Audubon Society, incorporated in 1905. Now that our long winter is finally over and we can enjoy our birds once again, we remember and appreciate the man who did so much to show us their beauty and urge concern for their wellbeing.

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Pam Maud
St. John Township Manager

Definition of a Friend--Always There

We often think of our friends as always being there for us. Consistency is a human need. The Dyer-Schererville Branch staff is reminded of that each year around this time when the library's own personal duck family returns to nest close to the building. Although the ducks select different sites on library property, they return each spring to have a family of ducklings. Every year, the staff provides a makeshift shelter for a break from the sun and there is always plenty of food and water for them!

As I reflected on this, I realized that the library serves our patrons in similar ways. We want the public to think of us as a good friend that they can visit with or without an invitation. We consistently offer a place where individuals can find a good book, a popular magazine, and the latest movies or CDs. Of course we also have computers for public use with electronic databases and our website now allows patrons to download audio books from the comfort of their own home.

> **"We consistently offer a place where individuals can find a good book..."**

Speaking of ducks and ducklings, who wrote the book, *Make Way for Ducklings*? Do you have old newspapers? How do I get a copy of my birth certificate? Our reference librarians are always on call to answer your questions.

Informational and entertaining programs geared toward children and adults are offered throughout the year. Our Dyer-Schererville Branch is excited to be offering gardening programs each month with the help of Master Gardeners and coming soon seniors can enjoy bowling in the library – Stop in today and sign up for our *Wii* gaming program.

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And finally if you'd like to work with others who support the library, you are invited to join the *Friends* of the Library. Through library book sales and other fund raisers the *Friends* raise money for library programming and library materials for the entire community to enjoy.

Contact our Public Relations department at 219-769-3541, ext. 317 for more information.

So here's to a great friendship! We're always there when you need us.

Congratulations to Kristine Mulligan of Dyer!

Kristine Mulligan and her winning entry, "The Readers' Imagination."

She was the Grand Prize Winner for the *Friends* 50th Anniversary High School Art Contest.

Her artwork will be hung in the Central Library as well as 7 honorable mentions throughout our library system.

@your Library

Reader's AdvisorY

RIDERS UP!
ROSES AND MINT

"Do you have books on White House pets?"

Yes, we have several:

Dog Days at the White House by Traphes Bryant

First Dogs by Roy Rowan

Presidential Pets by Niall Kelly

If you want to search for more titles on this subject, use the "More Searches" tab on the library catalog page and go to "General Key Word" search. Then try searching "white house pets" or "presidents' dogs" and see what you get.

Audio Books

Staff Recommends

Overdrive Books

Listen up!

The library is offering a new service that will be accessible 24 hours per day and there are **NO LATE FEES!**

You can now checkout and listen to audio-books from the comfort of your own home. All you need is a computer with Internet access, library card number, and PIN number.

Go to Overdrive.lcplin.org and browse hundreds of audio-books. These audio-books can be enjoyed in a variety of ways: on your computer or MP3 player; and some titles can be transferred to an iPOD, cell phone, or even burned to CD!

You'll be listening to the latest bestseller books after three simple steps: browse, checkout, and download.

First-time users will find a tutorial and frequently asked questions on the homepage in a section labeled "Getting Started With Digital Media."

We hope you enjoy this new service!

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JOHN JAMES AUDUBON

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of John James Audubon will be found on the Upper Level during the month of May.

John James Audubon: American Birds (598.097 AUDU)

The Double Elephant Folio: The Story of Audubon's Birds of America by Waldemar H. Fries (598.2973 FRIE)

The Living World of Audubon by Roland C. Clement (598.2974 CLEM)

Audubon Reader: The Best Writings of John James Audubon (B AUD AUDU)

John James Audubon: The Making of an American by Richard Rhodes (B AUD RHOD)

Under a Wild Sky: John James Audubon and the Making of the Birds of America by William Souder (B AUDU SOUD)

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BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
May 1-31 Online discussion of *Don't Look Behind You*, email to remarks@lcplin.org. Visit http://www.lcplin.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
May 6, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
May 6, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: RESUMES
May 6 & 20, Wed. from 6-8pm Create a basic or update your old resume Computer familiarity a must! Register at ext. 335.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
May 6 through June 10, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30-8:30pm Twice weekly classes to learn English as a second language No registration required.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB
May 8, Fri. at 9:30am Demonstration of the library's Health & Wellness Resource Center co-sponsored with Centier Bank Advantage Club. Refreshments served. Call at 219-755-6140, ext. 1839 for details.

GREAT DECISIONS
May 12 & 26, Tues. at 6:30 pm 2009 discussion series continues. Topic: *The Arctic*. To attend as a guest, please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
May 13, Wed. at 2pm Learn to search the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS
May 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm Discussion of *Tales of the South Pacific* by James Michener. Please register at ext. 340.

GENEALOGY
May 16, Sat. from 2-4pm An introduction to English genealogy with a history video of England. Please register at ext. 334.

'MO' BEAT BLUES MUSIC PROGRAM
May 18, Mon. at 7pm A performance by Samuel Lozada, filled with blues, jazz, soul, R&B, country, and swing.

KNIT & CROCHET
May 19, Tues. at 1pm Learn to read/understand knitting or crochet pattern. Register at ext. 317.

GARDENING
May 19, Tues. at 7pm "Hardy Ferns" presented by Master Gardener Zann Wilson. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
May 20, Wed. at 2pm Learn to use the online library catalog. Please register at ext. 346.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
May 22, Fri. from 10-11:30am Free informational and interactive session focused on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
May 22, Fri. from Noon-1:30pm The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

TEEN DRAMA CLUB
May 26 & 28, Tues. & Thurs. from 4-5pm Aspiring thespians, 5th grade and up, can pick up scripts to audition for our summer play directed by Edith Roberson. Must attend both sessions. Please call ext. 360 to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
May 27, Wed. at 2pm Instructor available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS
May 27, Wed. at 7pm Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat leads a yoga class with laughing techniques. Please register at ext. 317.

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION WORKSHOP
May 28, Thurs. from 6:30-8:30pm Presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of NWI. Please register at ext. 317.

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25, 2009
All branches of the Lake County Public Library **closed.**

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Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

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Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
May 11, Mon. at 12:30pm *At Risk* by Kit Ehrman. Refreshments served.

BOOK BUDDIES
May 18, Mon. at 6:30pm *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Refreshments served.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
May 12, Tues. at 2pm Highland Branch Library discussion of *March* by Geraldine Brooks. Copies available at Griffith Branch.

GRIFFITH GAB
May 18, Mon. at 1pm *Big Russ & Me*, the personal memories of Tim Russert's

BOOK CHAT
May 20, Wed. at 7pm *1984* by George Orwell. Refreshments served.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
May 21, Thurs. at 2pm Highland Branch Library discussion *Castles in the Sand.* Copies available at Griffith Branch.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
May 28, Thurs. at 7pm Highland Branch Library discussion of *Written in Bone.* Copies available at Griffith.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
May 4, Mon. at 1pm Practice, ask questions, and receive individual assistance on the computer. Register.

SNACK & PLAN
May 4, Mon. at 5pm Teens, 12 to 18 years of age, eat, play games, and plan programs.

WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?
May 6, Wed. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Nikky Witkowski discusses garden and landscape problems.

CRAFTING MANIA: CLAY PLAY
May 11 & 12, Mon. & Tues. from 3-5pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will make and create with clay. All materials supplied.

LEARN TO KNIT
May 11 & 18, Mon. at 7pm Bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn. All levels welcome.

HISTORY VIDEO
May 12, Tues. at 2pm *Free a Man to Fight: Women in WWII* uses archival footage. Refreshments served.

STEPPIN' OUT – BASIC DANCE
May 13, Wed. at 1pm Learn & practice a variety of dances. Refreshments served.

CARD CLASS
May 13, Wed. at 6:30pm $5 fee to cover the cost of materials for making cards and paper craft items. Registration is required.

BOOKS AND CHAT
May 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Discuss *Timeline* by Michael Crichton.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME
May 26, Tues. at 2pm Video tour of Hawaii. Refreshments served.

FABULOUS FOOD FAMILY FUN
May 26, Tues. at 6:30pm The whole family is invited to a story time about food and will make a healthy personal pizza!

VOLUNTEER MEETING
May 27, Wed. at 4:30pm Informational meeting for Summer Reading volunteering teens, 11 to 17 years of age.

GAMEFEST
May 28, Thurs. at 3pm Teens, 11 and older, will play a variety of *PlayStation, Wii* and other games.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

Highland Branch Library renovations continue for the next 3 to 6 months. We apologize for the inconvenience - necessary reconstruction will help us better serve you in the future.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
May 12, Tues. at 2pm *March* by Geraldine Brooks. Please see Griffith listing.

CROSSROADS
May 14, Thurs. at 10:30am Please see Munster listing. Please call 972-7317 to register.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
May 21, Thurs. at 2pm *Castles in the Sand.* Please see Griffith listing.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
May 28, Thurs. at 7pm *Written in Bone.* Please see Griffith listing.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASS
May 4, Mon. at 1pm Demonstration of a simple, delicious recipe. Taste test and receive recipes to enhance your collection. Please register.

***TWILIGHT PROM* COMMITTEE MEETING**
May 12, Tues. at 4pm The *Twilight Prom* committee will meet to discuss this upcoming event.

CINCO DE MAYO
May 13, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

POETRY
May 21, Thurs. at 6pm Published local poet, Terry Wilbur, will share his works with us. Refreshments will be served.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
[illegible]2-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

HOBART TOWNSHIP BOOK CHATS
May 19, Tues. at 2pm
Light on Snow by Anita Shreve.

BOOK CHAT
May 21, Thurs. at 10:30am
Snow in August by Pete Hamill. Refreshments served.

PREVENT FORECLOSURE
May 27, Wed. from 6:30-8:30pm A representative from Consumer Credit Counseling Service of NWI will discuss ways to help prevent foreclosure with [illegible]tinent information for the [illegible]nsumer.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDENING
May 13, Wed. at 7pm
Master Gardener Bill Tobin: Growing vegetables organically.

CROSSROADS
May 14, Thurs. at 10:30am
Author Ray Boomhower shares a slide presentation about Gary native and WWII photographer John [illegible]hemi. Co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Please call 972-7317 to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
May 18, Mon. at 10:30am
Learn basic skills. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG
May 19, Tues. at 10:30am
Learn how to find materials, place requests, and renew library items. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
May 20, Wed. at 10:30am
Learn how to find information on the internet using search engines. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: E-Z MAIL
May 21, Thurs. at 10:30am
Get started using free, web-based e-mail. Registration required.

EXPLORE: CRETE
May 21, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Discover Greece's island of Crete.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
May 28, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
May 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm
Crow Lake by Mary Lawson.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
May 28, Thurs. at 7pm *On Tragedy* by Aristotle, a selection from the *Fifth Series of Great Books.*

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES-Adults only
May 4, Mon. at 1pm *Day Break* explores capital punishment in Iran. For mature audiences; not rated; English subtitles. Refreshments served.

COMPUTER CLASS: CAT-A-LOG CARE
May 6, Wed. at 1pm Learn how to find, place requests, and renew library items. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: DABBLE WITH DATABASES
May 12, Tues. at 1pm Discover the various databases offered by the library and how to use these informational helpers. Registration is required.

STAMP CAMP
May 12, Tues. at 6:30pm
Create handmade paper crafts using rubber stamps. $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
May 13, Wed. at 2pm Participate in bowling or tennis on *Wii*. Register.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
May 20, Wed. at 7pm Wander off the beaten track in Barcelona in this 70 minute travel video.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
May 27, Wed. at 7pm or May 28, Thurs. at 10:15am
Eye Contact by Cammie McGovern.

YARD MASTER: CONTAINER GARDENS
May 28, Thurs. at 6:30pm
No yard is too small for container gardening according to Master Gardener Lyn Wories.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

STAMP CAMP
May 4, Mon. at 6:30pm
Create handmade paper products using rubber stamps. There is a $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
May 6, Wed. at 2pm Participate in bowling or tennis on *Wii*. Register.

SIT & KNIT
May 6 & 20, Wed. from 6-8pm Bring knitting, stitching, or crochet projects. All levels welcome.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
May 12, Tues. at 10:15am
Sing It To Her Bones by Marcia Talley. Please register.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
May 19, Tues. at 1:30pm
View this one-hour video of Jimmy Hoffa. Refreshments served. Please register.

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2009 Read-a-Thon Winners!

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the 25th Annual Read-a-Thon sponsored by the Lake County Public Library Foundation. The program was a rousing success and a boost to literacy involving more than one thousand youngsters who let neither the recent flooding nor the hard economic times interfere with their reading and love of the written word.

Special accolades to this year's winners from each of the Lake County Public Library branches:

Melissa Mores	LS-New Chicago Branch	John Meister Elementary School
Madelyn Colby	Highland Branch	Highland Christian Elementary School
Morgan McKinney	Cedar Lake Branch	Jane Ball Elementary School
Matalene Gearhart	Hobart Branch	Joan Martin Elementary School
Ryan Brown	Central Library	Edgar Miller Elementary School
Moshe Summers	Munster Branch	James B. Eads Elementary School
Jasmine Singh	Griffith Branch	Eldon Ready Elementary School
Jordyn Zamora	Forty-First Avenue Branch	Henry W. Longfellow Elementary School
Dustin McDaniel	Lake Station-NC Branch	Carl J. Polk Elementary School
Alexandra Kobus	Dyer-Schererville Branch	Forest Ridge Academy
Antionette Ulrich	Black Oak Branch	Grissom Elementary School

Teen Artwork Celebrates the Lake County Public Library 50th Anniversary

The Friends of the Library hosted an art competition available to all High School Teens. With 30 submissions, it was a difficult choice to make with the top prize winner receiving $500 and the nine runner-ups awarded $100 each. Their talents will be showcased throughout 2009 in the branch where their paintings and drawings were submitted.

Congratulations to: **Grand Prize Winner Kristine Mulligan,**
Samantha Gindl, Angela Leimer, Trudy Sowash, Moriah Garrity,
Tia Nicole Regnier, James Allen, Elene Chumburidze, Solayman Maso, and Terrianne Campos.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

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Children's Programing

May 2009

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Central Library www.lcplin.org
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

SUMMER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

May 19 or June 2, Tues. from 4-5pm Young teens, having completed 4th grade and up, will receive Summer Reading volunteer training and set-up their summer volunteer schedule.

TEEN DRAMA CLUB

May 26 & 28, Tues. & Thurs. from 4-5pm Young teens, having already completed 4th grade and up, can pick up scripts to prepare for auditions for our summer play directed by Edith Roberson. Aspiring actors and actresses must attend both days. Please call ext. 360 to register.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

WALL NOTE PAD

May 14, Thurs. at 4:30pm Come and make a special notepad to keep track of those books you want to read this summer! Children in grades kindergarten and up are invited to attend. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

May 5, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to join in the celebration with Cinco de Mayo stories, games, and a piñata. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

May 7 & 14, Thurs. at 11am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this lap-sit program with music, rhymes, and songs.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER NIGHT

May 8, Fri. at 4pm Mothers and daughters, kindergarten and up, will enjoy a fun evening with stories, snacks, and a movie just for them. Please register.

All Lake County Public Library branches will be closed Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2009.

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Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS
May 5, Tues. at 6:30pm All middle school age readers of the first four books are welcome to join in a game of jeopardy to test their true knowledge of the story.

JAMY JAMBOREE
May 12, Tues. at 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to an evening story hour. Wear your 'jamies' and join the fun!

SCRIMSHAW
May 13, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear a whale of a tale and then try a hand at scrimshaw.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT
May 19, Tues. at 6:30pm Families are invited to enjoy the Disney film *Alice in Wonderland* once again. All are welcome to bring a snack.

SATURDAY MORNING WITH HOMER PRICE
May 23, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear the adventure of Homer and the doughnut machine, fry then sugar a doughnut, and munch on their treat!

SWINGING CLOWNS
May 27, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make balancing clowns from poster board that will resemble circus trapeze acts.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm
10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN
May 4, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

PRINCESSES & DRAGONS
May 5, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, a craft, and a short movie about princesses, dragons, and knights.

BOOKS & BABIES
May 7, Thurs. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, up to 23 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities, and rhymes.

CRAFTING MANIA: CLAY PLAY
May 11 & 12, Mon. & Tues. from 3-5pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will make and create with a variety of clay. All materials and refreshments will be supplied.

CHESS
May 11, Mon. at 5:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

TODDLER TIME
May 14 & 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN
May 14, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 5th grade, will enjoy books, games, and a craft as we explore the pyramids of ancient Egypt.

FABULOUS FOOD FAMILY FUN
May 25, Mon. at 6:30pm Find out what's cooking at a story time all about food. Make a yummy and healthy personal pizza, too!

VOLUNTEER MEETING
May 27, Wed. at 4:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 years of age, who will be volunteering at the library this summer should attend this informa-

tional meeting. We'll discuss the duties of a volunteer and circulate sign-up sheets.

GAMEFEST

May 28, Thurs. at 3pm Teens, 11 and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation*, *Wii*, and an assortment of other games, including spoons. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

THE DINOSAURS ARE COMING!

May 28, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 5th grade, will enjoy books, games, and a craft all about dinosaurs.

Highland Branch www.lcplin.org/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

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SUMMER READING NEWS

While the Highland Branch Library is undergoing comprehensive renovation, the Children's Librarians are preparing terrific summer reading programs for youngsters off-site in June and July. Watch for June's *Happenings Jr.* for details on times and locations.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lcplin.org/hobart.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

TWILIGHT PROM COMMITTEE MEETING

May 12, Tues. at 4pm The *Twilight* Prom committee will meet to discuss and prepare for this event while enjoying refreshments.

CINCO DE MAYO

May 13, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to make mini piñatas; additional refreshments will be served. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

GIFT FOR MOM

May 6, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will create unique bracelet as a Mother's Day gift. Jewelry creator Lacey will share her talent and knowledge with participants. Registration is required.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

May 12, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to a story time that includes stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO's

May 14, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lcplin.org/munster.htm
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

May 4 & 18, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: "Things That Go" and "Let's Go on a Picnic." Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT NEIL GAIMAN

May 6, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will take a look at award-winning author Neil Gaiman and his wonderful stories, compare his books to the film adaptations, and make a book-themed craft.

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READING BUDDIES

May 8 & 22, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this **off-site** story time provides a chance for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the second and fourth Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. Though geared for younger children, kids of all ages may attend.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

May 12 & 26, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with themes this month "Things That Go" and "Let's Go on a Picnic." All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

May 13 & 27, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. This program begins promptly at 10:30am, but open playtime is available beginning at 10am. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

OUR FIVE SENSES

May 20, Wed. at 4pm We all depend on our senses, but what if we lost one? School age children, kindergarten or older, will explore their senses and see what it's like to be without one during a variety of activities. They will also make an eye-catching craft.

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 28, Thurs. at 4pm Summer volunteers are needed to help run the *Summer Reading Program*. Earn volunteer hours while having fun. Volunteers must be at least ten or have completed fourth grade. All volunteers must attend this meeting. Bring your personal summer schedule and your parent to sign the required volunteer application. If you are unable to attend the meeting or have questions, call Brittany at 836-8450, ext. 307.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

HOME SWEET HOME

May 5, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about different houses, sing songs about homes, and craft a house. Please register.

YOUNG READERS

May 14, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, will discuss and review a book they have read which has a mother as a character. Young Readers can earn volunteer hours for some library projects. Refreshments served. Please register.

LET'S PLAY!

May 18, Mon. 6:30-8pm Kids, 11 years of age and older, are invited to open play on *Wii Sports*, *Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*.

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

May 26, Tues. at 6:30pm or May 30, Sat. at 10am Any youngster who will be 11 years of age by August may volunteer during the Summer Reading Program, but must attend one of the two meetings scheduled. Earn volunteer hours while having fun this summer!

St. John Branch www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

May 5 or 6, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to bring their teddy bears and a small blanket or rug and listen to a variety of stories, participate in musical activities, finger plays and munch on a snack. Please register.

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 27 or 30, Wed. at 6:30pm or Sat. at 1pm Students who would like to help with the *Summer Reading Program* must attend one of two informational meetings with a parent. To qualify, you must be 11 years of age or older by the end of August 2009 and have a Lake County Public Library card in good standing. Registration is not required but encouraged.

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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the
Life and Times of
ANNE FRANK

Had she not been a child of Nazi-occupied Europe, the chances are that Anne Frank would have celebrated her 80th birthday on June 12. Instead, shortly after she turned 13, terrified by the prospect of being rounded up and deported by the Gestapo, she and her family entered the Secret Annex behind her father's office in Amsterdam, where they lived in constant dread of discovery for two years before they were betrayed, arrested, and shipped to concentration camps. It is believed that Anne died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen camp in Germany. Despite persecution and the fear which filled much of her short life, she managed to write, while in hiding, a diary which Eleanor Roosevelt termed "one of the wisest and most moving commentaries on war and its impact on human beings that I have ever read." The diary was first published in 1947 and has been read and its lessons pondered by millions since. Anne Frank remains a shining symbol of the promise that was lost when a generation of young people perished in the Holocaust.

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Denise Swinehart
Head of Children's Services

Barbara Sakowski
Adult Reference Services

Summer Reading for All Ages

Summer has finally arrived and so has our popular Summer Reading Program!
Scheduled for June 8th through August 1st, our library has something for every age.
And with so many free programs and weekly prizes, summer reading has never looked better!

Our Children's Librarians are coming up with creative ideas and special guests for the Summer Reading Programs in June and July.

This year's theme for the Children's Summer Reading Program is "Be Creative @ Your Library" with a little guy using paint brushes for stilts as our mascot. Throughout the whole summer, the library will be highlighting "the arts" through programs involving crafts, drawing, dance school visits, plays, and even balloon sculptures.

Story hours for babies, toddlers, and preschool age children will be held at all of our locations, as well as programs geared toward children who have completed kindergarten and primary grades. Each program will feature a display of books about that certain type of creative endeavor so that our young readers will have a chance to learn even more creativity.

"...grand prizes will be MP3 players and gift cards."

Besides programs to attend, all branches will have our traditional book reading activity where children read (or have read to them) books of their own choosing. Check out books, read them at your own pace, and find out where to return your books at the local branch to receive credit. Children will be able to receive prizes for every 5 books they read.

Teens will also get a chance to celebrate the summer with the theme "Express Yourself @ Your Library." Tons of cool programs including *PlayStation* and *Wii* games, Leggo competitions, and tie-dye projects will be offered and there will also be weekly drawings for prizes. At the end of Summer Reading, teens will get a chance to win the grand prize-MP3 players!

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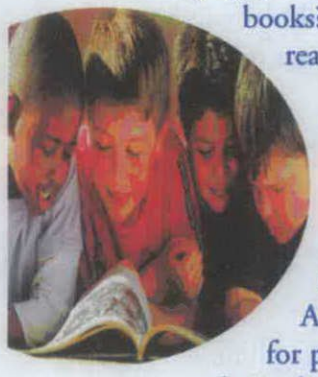
Since the Highland Branch is closed for remodeling, children and teens can attend their library programs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center, located at 2450 Lincoln Street.

Adults can also "Be Creative @ Your Library" during the 2009 Summer Reading Program. Now is the time to build that birdhouse, knit your first scarf, learn to faux paint or design your dream deck. We have the books to take you from step-one to completion. Check them out!

Or do you prefer to enjoy the creative storytelling of popular fiction authors such as James Patterson, Stephanie Meyer, Jude Deveraux, or Agatha Christie? Perhaps your reading tastes lean toward history or biography. Are you inspired by motivational books? This is the time indulge your reading passions and be rewarded.



Throughout the summer adults are invited to put their names in a drop box following each book they read, fiction or nonfiction. Audio books are also eligible for participation. The names are then selected for three weekly prizes at each of Lake County Public Library's ten locations. Several grand prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. This year the grand prizes will be MP3 players and $25.00 gift cards.

So here's to a fantastic and creative summer!

@your Library

Reader's AdvisorY

500 Years of Henry VIII

ASK

"I inherited a large pottery vase from my great-aunt. It looks like it says "Red Wing" on the bottom and someone told me it is a "Nokomis" type. Where can I find out if it has any value?"

The library subscribes to a database called "p4a Antiques". You can access the database from the library's website, www.lcplin.org. From the blue bar across the top of the page, go to "Research" and then go down to "Magazines, Newspapers and Databases". Click on that and then from the Business section, look for "p4a Antiques". On the search page, you can choose "pottery" from the category index and "Red Wing" from the type index. To narrow down your results, put "Nokomis" in the key word(s) search box. Your results should bring up auction prices for pieces similar to yours. To learn more about the p4a Antiques database, sign up for our June classes on the 10th or the 17th at 769-3541 ext. 346.

Books

Staff Recommends

The Alchemist by Paul Coelho

"This work is a pleasant little fable about how one must look for signs and hints throughout life that lead towards his/her ultimate meaning and destiny. The main character finds omens throughout the story that lead him to his ultimate destiny – a destiny he would never have realized if he hadn't looked for it and instead resolved himself to be satisfied with the mediocrity in his life. It is a lesson every reader could take to heart."

AT/Technical Services

Eifelheim by Michael Flynn

"Why was Eifelheim, a town ravaged by the black plague in the 14th century, never rebuilt or resettled? A modern historian and his physicist girlfriend join forces to find out. An astonishing theory emerges: was this the site of a first contact? Medieval philosophy, logic and science seem surprisingly close to their modern descendants." DB/Reference

The Monsters of Templeton by Lauren Groff

"Fleeing a disastrous affair with her married archaeology professor, Willie Upton returns to her home in Templeton, New York, only to learn that the legendary monster of nearby Lake Glimmerglass has been found dead, inciting a news frenzy which rocks the town, and that her natural father was not the unknown hippie she had always believed he was, but rather an unknown but upstanding citizen of Templeton, which rocks her world. By skillfully blending echoes of the past with the voices of the present, the truth is uncovered, and Willie discovers that there is more than one kind of monster in Templeton's history!" SEM/Circulation

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ANNE FRANK

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Anne Frank will be found on the Upper Level during the month of June.

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank (940.534 FRAN)

Anne Frank: A Portrait in Courage by Ernst Schnabel (940.534 SCHN)

Anne Frank Remembered: The Story of the Woman Who Helped To Hide the Frank Family by Miep Gies with Alison Leslie Gold (940.531508 GIES)

A Tribute to Anne Frank, ed. by Anna G. Steenmeijer in collaboration with Otto Frank (B FRA STEE)

Inside Anne Frank's House: An Illustrated Journey Through Anne's World (940.5318092 INSI)

Anne Frank, Beyond the Diary: A Photographic Remembrance by Ruud van der Rol and Rian Verhoeven, in association with the Anne Frank House (B FRA ROL)

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769-3541
www.lcplin.org

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
June 1-30 Discussion of *The Old Buzzard Had It Coming*, send an email to remarks@lcplin.org Visit http://www.lcplin.org/remarks.htm.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION HELP
June 1, Mon. at 6pm Lakeshore Public Television will discuss the digital transition scheduled for June 12, 2009. Please register at ext. 317.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
June 1, 3, 8, 10, Mon. & Wed., 6:30-8:30pm Twice weekly free classes to learn English.

EXCITING DISCOVERIES ALONG THE KANKAKEE
June 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Professor Mark Schurr discusses the discoveries recently unearthed at the Collier Lodge, the importance of the site, and the plans for this July's dig. Please register at ext. 334.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
June 3 Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
June 3, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
June 10, Wed. at 2pm Learn to search on the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

TRASH OR TREASURE?
June 10 & 17, Wed. at 6pm The library has a database (p4a Antiques) which can help you find out if something is valuable. Classes on how to use the database are offered with tips on using eBay to research your item included. Feel free to bring an item to research. To register, call ext. 346.

BOG TROTTERS MUSIC PROGRAM
June 10, Wed. at 7pm Variety of instruments with old-time favorites!

CIRCLE OF READERS
June 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm Discussion of *Babylon's Ark: The Incredible Wartime Rescue of the Baghdad Zoo* by Lawrence Anthony. Please register at ext. 340.

GARDENING
June 16, Tues. at 7pm "Growing Roses in Northwest Indiana" by Master Gardener Karl Bapst. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
June 17, Wed. at 2pm Learn to use the online library catalog. Please register at ext. 346.

GERMAN GENEALOGY
June 20, Sat. from 2-4pm Indiana Heritage Series featuring Germany. Please register at ext. 334.

JERRY DAVICH: NWI AUTHOR AND COLUMNIST
June 23, Tues. at 7pm Jerry Davich, columnist and author, will discuss his columns and his new book, *Connections: Everyone Happens for a Reason.* Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
June 24, Wed. at 2pm Instructor will answer questions and provides assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

FREE MONTHLY LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS
June 24, Wed. at 7pm Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat will lead a yoga class with laughing techniques. Please register at ext. 317.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
June 26, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Free informational and interactive session to progressive dementias. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
June 26, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Debbie Carriveau presents "Their Reality." The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
June 8, Mon. at 12:30pm *Impulse* by Frederick Ramsay.

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BOOK BUDDIES
June 29, Mon. at 6:30pm
Dessert and discussion of *A Pebble in My Shoe* by Katherine Flotz.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

BOOK CHAT
June 17, Wed. at 7pm Dessert and discussion of *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

GRIFFITH GAB
June 22, Mon. at 1pm Discussion of *Never Enough*, by bestselling author Joe McGinnis.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

CARD CLASS
June 1, Mon. at 1pm Create handmade cards; $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration required.

***PLAYSTATION* MANIA**
June 8, Mon. at 3pm
Teens may play and compete with *PlayStation, Wii*, and other games.

BOOKS AND CHAT
June 17, Wed. at 6:30pm
Readers discuss *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing: the Pox Party* by M. T. Anderson.

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER
June 22, Mon. at 4pm
Teens will act the parts as they work to solve the mystery dining on pizza and pop.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: VENICE
June 23, Tues. at 2pm
Viewers will tour the maze of tiny islands linked together by a network of bridges in Venice.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

During the Highland Branch Library's reconstruction, all teen programs in June and July will take place at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln Street, adult book discussions at the Griffith Branch and Crossroads can be found at the Munster Branch.

HIGHLAND BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION
June 8, Mon. at 2pm Discussion of *Odd Thomas* by Dean Koonz - at the Griffith Branch.

CROSSROADS
June 11, Thurs. at 10:30am
Free program co-sponsored with First Financial Bank at the Munster Branch Library. Please call 972-7317 to register.

TEEN CHALLENGE
June 16, Tues. at 2:30pm
Teens can compete constructing Card House and Leggo buildings.

TEEN GROOVY TIE-DYE
June 23, Tues. at 2:30pm
Teens may bring a t-shirt, pillowcase, or other clothing to create tie-dye designs.

HIGHLAND BRANCH MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
June 25, Thurs. at 7pm
Discussion Jeff Lindsey's *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* at the Griffith Branch.

TEEN CHARMS
June 30, Tues. at 2:30pm
Teens will fashion cell phone charms and friendship bracelets.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

MAKING MEMORIES: FAMILY ENRICHMENT
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Mon. from 6-8pm South Shore Arts sponsors this free, five-week series for families with children in 2nd through 6th grades. A boxed meal will be provided each week. Registration is required.

SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASSES
June 8, Mon. at 1pm Join us for a recipe demonstration and taste test. Copies will be provided to enhance your recipe collection! Please register.

TWILIGHT PROM
June 17, Wed. at 1pm
Teens on the Twilight Prom committee will meet.

FAMILY GAMING
June 17, Wed. from 2-4pm Kids, parents, and grandparents may play board and video games as a family or with other families.

CLIP ON JEWELRY
June 24, Wed. at 2pm
The whole family is invited to make unique clip-on jewelry. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

***STAR WARS* DAY**
June 13, Sat. from 1-4pm
Everyone is invited to participate in *Star Wars* trivia, stories, and photo opportunities (don't forget the camera) with *501st Legion's Bloodfin Garrison*.

HOBART TOWNSHIP BOOK CHAT
June 16, Tues. at 2pm
Discussion of *North of Nowhere* by Steve Hamilton.

MAGIC: THE GATHERING COLLECTIBLE CARD GAME
June 29, Mon. at 1pm
Steve Dawkins from *Gotta Have It Collectibles, Games & Gaming* will teach teens and adults how to play *Magic: The Gathering Collectible Card Game*.

ENGLISH AS A 2ND LANGUAGE CLASSES @ SU BIBLIOTECA
June 29 to Aug. 5, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30-8:30pm
Free classes to learn English.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
June 1, Mon. at 10:30am
Learn basic skills. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG
June 2, Tues. at 10:30am
Learn to find materials, place requests, and renew library items. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
June 3, Wed. at 10:30am
Learn to find information on the internet using search engines. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: E-Z MAIL
June 4, Thurs. at 10:30am
Get started using free, web-based e-mail. Registration required.

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
June 9, Tues. at 6:30pm
Carol's Journey is for mature audiences; not rated; 100 minutes runtime; adults only; Spanish with English subtitles.

CONTAINER GARDENING
June 10, Wed. at 7pm
Master Gardener Lyn Wories presents tips for successful container gardening.

CROSSROADS
June 11, Thurs. at 10:30am Free program co-sponsored with First Financial Bank takes place at the Munster Branch during the Highland Branch renovation. Please call 972-7317 to register.

EXPLORE: MOROCCO
June 18, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Visit Casablanca, Rabat (the capital city), Chellah, Fez El-Bali, the Atlas Mountains, the Sahara, and Marrakesh.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
June 25, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
June 25, Thurs. at 1:30pm
Discussion of *Ladies Coupe* by Anita Nair.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
June 25, Thurs. at 7pm A discourse of *The Republic* by Plato, a selection from the *Fifth Series of Great Books*.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
June 1, Mon. at 1pm
Arranged is for mature audiences; not rated by the MPAA; adults only; English subtitles.

STAMP CAMP
June 9, Tues. at 6:30pm
Create beautiful handmade cards and paper crafts; $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
June 10, Wed. at 2pm Participate in bowling or tennis on *Wii*. Please register.

WRITING WORKSHOP
June 13, Sat. from 9:30am-12:30pm Whitney Scott of the *TallGrass Writers Guild* presents "Get Creative," a free writing workshop. Please register.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
June 17, Wed. at 7pm
Board the Orient Express and visit Pompeii and an archaeological dig in Egypt.

CREATIVE GAMING
June 24, Wed. at 2pm
Teens can play of *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*. Please register.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
June 24 or 25, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am
Discussion of *Amagansett* by Mark Mills.

YARD MASTERS: LAWNS
June 25, Thurs. at 6:30pm
Master Gardener Jim Colias will provide tips for a healthy lawn.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
June 3, Wed. at 2pm Participate in bowling or tennis on *Wii*. Please register.

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Join in on the Annual Summer Reading Program at any of our 11 locations. Weekly prizes for adults, teens and children! So read or listen to audio-books and become eligible for the Grand Prize at the end of the 8 week season.

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Merrillville, IN 46410
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Friends of the Library Appreciate VOLUNTEERS

The *Friends* of the Library hosted the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Tiebel's Restaurant in April. More than 100 attended, dined on a festive meal, received a thank you gift, and were entertained by the Calumet Corner Chorus. The event is a way to express how very valuable the library volunteers are to the efficient operation of the Lake County Public Library's 11 locations.

If you would like to lend a hand at the library, just pick up a volunteer application or call 769-3541, ext. 315. Opportunities are available in such areas as assistance with shelving books or audio-visual materials, helping with programs, and taking a shift in the book sale room to name a few.

Book Sale Room Volunteers

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1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

June 8, 15, 22, & 29, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in programs featuring stories, music, crafts, and short films. Please register at ext. 360 for each session.

SUMMER READING OPEN HOUSE

June 11, Thurs. from 1-3pm Summer reading fun begins! Children of all ages are invited to listen to a story, play games, complete a craft, and learn how to Be Creative @Your Library. Please register at ext. 360.

THE ARTSY SMARTSY CLUB

June 16, Tues. at 10am & 2pm Members of the "Artsy Smartsy Club" (kindergarten through 4th grade) will hear artsy stories, get to know famous artsy artists, and create their own artsy masterpiece. Members are sure to become quite smart about art! Please register at ext. 360.

OTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 17, 24, Wed. at 10am or 11am Infants and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy a half hour lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, music, and stories. Please register at ext. 360 for each session.

Wii WANT YOU TO PLAY!

June 23, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children (kindergarten through 4th grade) are invited to play *Wii Sport, Dance Dance Revolution*, and *Guitar Hero*. Children must be familiar with these games or able to follow instructions on their own. Registration required; call ext. 360.

McAFEE ANIMAL HOSPITAL & FRIENDS

June 25, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages (younger than 5 require an adult caregiver) will enjoy the diverse selection of rescued animals as they visit the library! Please register at ext. 360.

LOWE'S WOOD CRAFTS

June 30, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Lowe's Hardware will be visiting with an assortment of wooden craft items for children to assemble. Each session is limited, so be sure to register early at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

E COW JUMPED OVER THE MOON

June 9, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear about this famous cow and make a refrigerator magnet. Please register.

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NAME SCULPTURES

June 11, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make modeling clay and design a nameplate for their room. Please register.

OLD LADY

June 16, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can sing along to the song about this hungry lady and make a book of the song. Please register.

STAINED GLASS

June 18, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will design and create a stained glass window. Please register.

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

June 23, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will join in the rhythm band having fun with music and song. Please register.

STRAW PAINTING

June 25, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will use straws to design a work of modern art. Please register.

CAROUSELS

June 30, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will make a hobby horse version of a carousel pony in this musical program. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

June 9, 16, 23, 30, Tues. at 11am Pre-school age children are invited to this weekly program of stories with music, games, and crafts for 3 to 5 year old children. Please register.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

June 13, Sat. at 1pm Children of all ages are invited to start off summer reading with games, stories, and fun. Please register.

41st AVENUE PLAYERS

June 16, Tues. at 1pm School age children, 7 years of age and up, can be a part of our theatrical production. Please register.

BE A DANCER

June 18, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will learn some dance steps by a Jeanne's Dance Academy teacher. Please register.

AFTERNOON ART

June 19, Fri. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will play games and create a starry night in the style of artist Vincent Van Gogh. Please register.

NATURE CLUB

June 23, Tues. at 2pm Creating a natural piece of art, school age children, kindergarten and up, will have fun learning about our environment. Please register.

TOTALLY 2's & 3's

June 24, Wed. at 3pm Toddlers, 2 to 3 year olds, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will enjoy a session of stories, songs, and finger painting. Please register.

MOVIE DAY

June 25, Thurs. at 2pm Families will enjoy a feature film with popcorn and lemonade.

WHAT'S IN THE FUNNIES

June 27, Sat. at 1pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy their comic strip favorites and make a comic strip of their own, while enjoying a bowl of cereal. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 30, Tues. at 2pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by an adult caregiver, will participate in a lap-sit program with songs, rhymes, and stories. Please register.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF!

June 11, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages (under 5 accompanied by an adult caregiver) are invited to play the game "characters in three parts" to win prizes.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 15, 22 & 29, Mon. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of ages, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in a lap-sit program using music, books, and the rhymes of Mother Goose. Please register.

EXPRESS YOURSELF!

June 16, 23, & 30, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens, 11 to 16 year olds, will try unusual feats of art. First up is "Upside Down Painting," a chance to paint on your back. Next is "Batik-a-Tee," using fabric crayons and paint on your solid color tee-shirt. And finally, "Classical Cartoons," as you try to match famous cartoon characters to classical music, followed by viewing the cartoons. Please register.

SUPER TOTS

June 17 & 24, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy craft time. First up is "Mud Painting" using finger paint with pudding; next is "Paintbrush Book," creating a book of colors. Please register.

CREATIVE CREW

June 17 & 24, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will express their creative talents. "Study in Brown" includes painting with mud and coffee. "Snazzy Socks" will have them turn a pair of their own white socks into an imaginative set of footwear. Please register.

CRAFTY PRE-SCHOOLERS

June 18 & 25, Thurs. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will have fun with craft projects starting with "Finger Paint Fun," learning to make and use finger paints. The next session is "Black to Rainbow," making a scratch design from specially treated paper. Please register.

TALENT SHOW TRY-OUTS

June 30, Tues. at 2pm Youngsters 6 to 16 years of age are invited to see how to become part of our July talent show. Dance, sing, play guitar, tell jokes, share poems. Share your talents.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

June 1, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

PLAYSTATION MANIA

June 8, Mon. at 3pm Teens, 11 to 17 years of age, are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation, Wii,* and other games, including spoons. Compete in tournaments and munch on snacks.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

June 9, 16, 23, 30, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy summer programs featuring stories, music activities, short films, and crafts.

CRAFTING MANIA

June 9, Tues. at 1pm Teens, 11 to 17 years of age, can make a Greek mask and puzzle masterpiece. Recreate famous paintings one square at a time. Supplies and snacks provided.

GET THE BEAT!

June 10, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will have fun with stories, rhythm games, and a craft.

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MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 11 & 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, infants to 36 months of age, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities.

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

June 15, Mon. from 2-4pm Children of all ages (5 and under accompanied by an adult) can get creative as we start Summer Reading! Join us for a puppet show, stories, and a craft. Franklin the turtle will be visiting!

RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING

June 17, Wed. from 9am-4:30pm Teens, ages 11 to 15, will learn to care for infants and young children, to make decisions in emergency situations, and keep themselves and children safe. Bring a sack lunch. There is a $25 fee required at the time of registration.

BACKWARD DAY

June 17, Wed. at 2pm School age kids, 6 to 12 years of age, will enjoy stories, word games, and a craft as we explore the art of Leonardo da Vinci. Feel free to dress backwards!

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

June 22, Mon. at 4pm Teens, 11 to 17 years of age, will play the parts as they work to solve the mystery of the sudden demise of actress Lola LaPoufe. The one who unravels this mystery wins a prize. Play games that include drama, improv, and lots of laughs while dining on pizza and pop.

PAINT THE TOWN!

June 24, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 years of age, will enjoy stories and creative time on the outside patio.

BUBBLE MAGIC FAMILY STORY TIME

June 29, Mon. at 6:30pm Everyone will have fun with bubbles, big and small! You'll make your own bubble solution and blower and blow giant bubbles.

Highland Branch www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

During the Highland Branch Library's reconstruction, all children's programs in June and July will take place at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln Street – all Tuesday programs in Room 21- and all Wednesday programs in the Community Room. No registration for any of these programs necessary.

SAY IT AGAIN!

June 9, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, will take an active part in telling of special stories with songs, finger plays, and a simple story-related craft to follow at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21.

EVENING MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 9 & 23, Tues. at 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 36 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities, and more at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21.

MORNING MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 10 & 24, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities and more at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Community Room.

MAKE IT! SHAPE IT!

June 10, Wed. at 1pm or 2:30pm After hearing The *Great Fuzz Frenzy*, school age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will use foil, tissue, and other materials to create small, interesting sculptures at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Community Room.

SHAPE IT!

June 16, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Stories and songs about shapes, shapes, and more shapes will be the focus for pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, followed by Playdoh fun at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21.

TEEN LEGGO & CARD HOUSE CHALLENGE

June 16, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens, 12 year olds and up, will compete to construct the best Leggo and tallest card house building at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21. Are you up to the challenge?

FAMILY STORY HOUR

June 16 & 30, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with pre-school age children, 3 to 6 years of age, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21.

TODDLERS SHAPE UP!

June 17, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver will explore shapes through books, songs, finger plays, and Playdoh at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Community Room.

BUILD IT BETTER

June 17, Wed. at 1pm or 2:30pm School age children, 6 to 12 years of age, will use Leggo's and cards to see who can create the biggest or best construction in a timed challenge after hearing Robert Munsch's *Playhouse* at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Community Room.

MUSIC & MOTION

June 23, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Music inspired stories, songs, rhythm band instruments, and a musical craft will be enjoyed by pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21.

TEEN GROOVY TIE-DYE

June 23, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens are invited to bring a t-shirt, pillowcase, or other clothing to create tie-dye designs at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21.

DANCING FEET

June 24, Wed. at 1pm or 2:30pm The Nordikids will perform some Scandinavian dances for school age children, 6 to 12 years of age, and will teach our group some simple dance steps at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Community Room.

BLOWING BUBBLES

June 30, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 6 years of age, will have bubbly good fun listening to bubble stories, finger plays, songs, and making a special bubbling craft at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21.

TEEN CELL PHONE CHARMS & FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

June 30, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens, 12 years of age and up, will fashion cell phone charms to decorate their phones and friendship bracelets to wear or share at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln St., Room 21.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lcplin.org/hobart.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

MAKING MEMORIES: FAMILY ENRICHMENT

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Mon. from 6-8pm South Shore Arts sponsors this free program for families with children in 2nd through 6th grades. The five-week series includes writing, book making, reading, music, drama, and art. Each week a special presenter will highlight a specific component of the arts. Families will create a memory book to treasure their experiences. A boxed meal will be provided each week. Registration is required.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SUMMER STORY HOURS

June 9, 16, 23, 30, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm Children from the age of 3 to 7 will hears stories with a different theme each week: music, poetry, art, face painting. Please register.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SUMMER STORY HOURS

June 10, 17, 24, Wed. at 10:30am Children from the age of 3 to 7 will hear stories with a different theme each week: music, poetry, art, face painting. Please register.

TWILIGHT PROM

June 17, Wed. at 1pm Teens on the Twilight Prom committee will gather while enjoying refreshments.

PAINTED T-SHIRT

June 17, Wed. at 2pm Pre-teens, 9 to 13 year olds, will use paint and decorative materials provided by the library to paint their own solid color t-shirt. Please register.

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FAMILY GAMING

June 17, Wed. from 2-4pm Kids, parents, and grandparents: come play board games and video games as a family or with other families. Participate in an intergenerational *Wii* bowling competition. Play *Guitar Hero, Life, Monopoly, Chutes & Ladders*, etc. Refreshments served.

TIE-DYE

June 18, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will design their own t-shirt with an array of colored markers. Please register.

CLIP ON JEWELRY

June 24, Wed. at 2pm Using paperclips and magazines, the whole family is invited to make unique clip on jewelry. Please register.

VISIT THE PLANETARIUM

June 25, Thurs. at 2pm Merrillville Community Planetarium Presenter Pam Gower will introduce school age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, to the planetarium. She will talk about the solar system, stars, constellations, and landings on the moon, as the nation celebrates its 40th anniversary as the first to land there on July 20, 1969.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

June 3, Wed. at 6pm Youngsters who have completed grade 5 and up that would like to assist with the Summer Reading Program are asked to attend this informational meeting with a parent. Volunteer applications will be issued and must have a parent's signature. Please register for this important session.

STAR WARS DAY

June 13, Sat. from 1-4pm Children of all ages are invited to participate in *Star Wars* trivia, stories, and photo opportunities (don't forget the camera) with *501st Legion's Bloodfin Garrison*. Fans don't have to travel to a "galaxy far, far away" to show their enthusiasm to the film saga. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

June 16, 23, 30, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to story times that include books, music, finger plays, and crafts.

MOVIE BREAK

June 17, Wed. at 2pm School age kids, kindergarten and up, will travel to another galaxy with animated feature film: *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*. Bring a snack and enjoy this 90 minute, PG rated movie.

TIP TOP TWO's

June 18 & 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

THURSDAY MOVIE SERIES

June 18 & 25, Thurs. at 2pm Children age 10 and older are invited to attend a feature film each week this summer. First up: *Star Wars: A Galaxy Divided*, is four episodes from the animated series. Next is *ET:Extra Terrestrial*.

PAPERWEIGHTS

June 24, Wed. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will create a paperweight using water bottles. Dress for using paint. Please register.

MAGIC: THE GATHERING COLLECTIBLE CARD GAME

June 29, Mon. at 1pm Steve Dawkins from *Gotta Have It Collectibles, Games and Gaming* will teach teens and adults how to play *Magic: The Gathering Collectible Card Game*.

Be Creative @ your Lake County Public Branch Library

Munster Branch www.lcplin.org/munster.htm
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's
June 8, 15, 22, 29, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program gives toddlers a chance to be on their own while still having a caregiver in the background. Sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Themes this month are: *By the Light of the Moon, Shake-Shake-Shake, Splat Goes the Paint,* and *Boogie Woogie.* Children are encouraged to sit in the front and participate on their own. A caregiver must attend with the child.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's
June 9, 16, 23, 30, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm This program allows children, 4, 5 and 6 year olds (who have NOT finished kindergarten) to exert their independence and attend by themselves. The sessions include stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. Themes include *By the Light of the Moon, Music Makers, Splat Goes the Paint, and Boogie Woogie.* Children attend the first half of the program on their own and retrieve their adult caregiver for the craft at the end.

MOVIE NIGHT
June 11, Thurs. at 6pm Dress comfy and enjoy *Tale of Desperaux* (rated G, 94 minutes) on the big screen. Personal munchies permitted.

READING BUDDIES
June 12 & 26, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this **off-site** story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

GAMING SESSIONS
June 12 & 26, Fri. from 2-3:30pm Young teens, 12 years of age and older, will take turns playing *Wii* and *PlayStation.* Please register.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS
June 17, 24, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children who have completed kindergarten or older are invited to explore their imagination. Themes will be *I've Got Rhythm* and *Now That's What I Call Art*, which will include stories, games, a craft, and other activities.

'TWEENS'
June 18, Thurs. from 2-3:30pm 'Tweens,' 12 years of age and older, will participate in a crafting session that requires time and unusual materials. This art project requires a white article of clothing. Registration required by June 2.

PATRICK GIROUARD
June 25, Thurs. at 3pm Award winning illustrator Patrick Girouard will answer questions about illustration and demonstrate some of his artistic skills while showing how a story and its characters are brought to life in a picture book. All ages are welcome, though children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins June 1.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

BUILDING WITH LOWE'S
June 9, Tues. at 6:30pm Children of all ages, accompanied by a caregiver, will use nails and hammers to build from kits provided by Lowe's Hardware. Please register.

YOUNG READERS
June 11, Thurs. at 6:30pm Join the Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, to enjoy a snack and review books of a series which they have read. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
June 16, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Please register.

FRANKLIN IS COMING!
June 17, Wed. at 2pm Meet Franklin, the storybook character that children have come to know and love. Have your picture taken with him, too! Please register.

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LUNCHTIME MOVIE

June 18, Thurs. at Noon Everyone is invited to view the feature film: *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa.* This movie is 89 minutes and rated PG. Children may bring a lunch, but please no RED drinks. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

June 23, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will 'get creative' with stories, games, and crafts. Please register.

CREATIVE GAMNG

June 24, Wed. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are invited to open play of *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*. Please register.

CREATIVE ARTISTS

June 25, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear stories, play games, create shoelace or pet rock designs, and make a drizzle/stencil on their own t-shirt (children must bring a t-shirt). Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 30, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Please register.

St. John Branch www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

CALLING ALL ROCK STARS & DANCERS

June 13, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are invited to play *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Dance Revolution* on the *PlayStation* gaming system. The stage is yours! Please register.

INCREDIBLY AWESOME ALIENS

June 16 or 17, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about aliens and outer space, enjoy musical activities, finger plays, and create their own alien to take home. Please register.

FRANKLIN THE TURTLE

June 18, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages are invited to meet and greet the loveable children's book character, Franklin the Turtle. Bring your camera for a personal photo opportunity. Please register early – space is limited.

LUNCHTIME MOVIE

June 19, Fri. at Noon School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will enjoy this fantasy tale of the Grave family and the creatures that live on their estate. *The Spiderwick Chronicles* is 97 minutes long and rated G. Please register.

RECYCLE WEAR

June 23 or 24, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school children, 3 to 5 year olds, will create and wear outfits using recycled clothing. Dad's old tie, Mom's old blouse, or Grandma's old hat are items that can be worn during this Be Creative @ Your Library program. The children will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, and finger plays. They will show off their creative outfits as they parade around the library for all to see. A group picture will be taken and displayed in the library.

BUBBLE-MANIA

June 25, Thurs. at 2pm Bubbleologist Keith Evans will dazzle the audience of all ages with his bubble magic. Register early as space is limited.

THE EYES HAVE IT

June 30 or July 1, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear a variety of stories about summer, participate in musical activities and finger plays, and create their own designer glasses. Please register.

Imagine, Create, Participate!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

Be sure to register for Summer Reading Programs at your local or neighboring branch of the Lake County Public Library.
Summer Reading activities start June 8 and continue through August 1, 2009.

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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the
Life and Times of

REMBRANDT

Rembrandt van Rijn, born in Leiden on July 15, 1606, is considered the Netherlands' greatest artist. He is also one of the most prolific artists of all time, being credited with some 600 paintings, 300 etchings, and 1,400 drawings, plus many other works which have been lost. His subject matter is extraordinarily wide-ranging, including stories from the Bible, mythology, and history; scenes from everyday life; landscapes; portraits and self-portraits. In 1632 Rembrandt moved from Leiden to Amsterdam, where he married Saskia van Uylenburgh in 1634. They had four children, only one of whom, Titus, survived infancy. The year 1642 was one of triumph and tragedy for Rembrandt: his most famous work, *The Night Watch,* was painted, and his beloved Saskia died. After this, his work became more solemn, reflective, and spiritual, as he began to paint for himself rather than on commission. Many of his most inspiring Biblical scenes were painted during this time, including the renowned *Return of the Prodigal Son.* In 1668 Titus died, and Rembrandt soon followed him to death, on October 4, 1669. His had been a life of great joy and

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Julie Bradford
Assistant Head of Audio-Visual Department

Listen...Do You Want to Know a Secret?

I've always wondered why when someone says, *"I will tell you if you promise not to tell,"* the first thing you want to do is tell someone what you just heard? So you go to a "trusted friend" and repeat that same line, *I have a secret*...and before you know it the whole world knows.

Well...I have a few secrets to share with you, if you promise not to tell! The first one is that I am 30 years old and still have an audiocassette player in my car. At 30 years old, everyone around here assumes I must be into all of the latest technology because I'm young--well relatively speaking, anyway. It seemed very logical to those "in charge" to task me with acquiring our newest service—downloadable audiobooks. Oh, if they only knew!

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I have another secret for you: these downloadable audiobooks (powered by Overdrive) will NEVER HAVE OVERDUE FINES! They are FREE to download and available from your home computer 24 hours per day! Now you can find a good book to listen to while surfing the 'net in your pajamas! Don't worry—I won't tell.

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and I don't like to name-drop, but, Janet Evanovich and Nora Roberts! Shhhhh! Remember, it's our little secret.

I know it sounds too good to be true. They must be hard to download or something, right? Believe it or not, Mrs. Audiocassette Player (that's me!) was even able to figure it out in a few simple steps: Download the Windows Media Console (only need to do this part once), select a title, check it out with your library card number and PIN number, download and enjoy!

It's easy, I promise. If you still don't believe me, I'll let you in on another little secret. We are hosting the "Digimobile"— a 74-foot, 18-wheel tractor-trailer, filled with Internet-connected PCs, high-definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players. Interactive computer stations will let you explore our new digital media collection, use supported mobile devices, and sample audiobooks. This is a perfect time to come and ask questions, play, and get your feet wet with the new technology. Check your local library to find out when the Digimobile will be here—it will be fun for everyone!

Listening to audiobooks has become my dirty little habit. I listen while mowing my grass and weeding my garden, I listen while at the grocery store, I even listen while at work, but that's just between you and me.

I've told you my secrets, now I am waiting to hear yours!

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Reader's AdvisorY

"Princesses: Real & Imagined."

"ASK" What's the origin of the phrase "Katy Bar the Door"?

It would appear that the origin of this phrase is from Scotland in the year 1437. Discontented subjects had come to kill the Scottish king, James I. The room he was in had a missing locking bar. A woman named Catherine Douglas tried to save him by using her arm as a bar. Of course, it could not hold. Her arm was broken and the king was killed. But afterward, Catherine was recognized for her efforts by being re-named "Kate Barlass". Her descendants still use the name.

Reference Quarterly, Summer 1967 and supplemented with Wikipedia.

Magazines

Staff Recommends...

OUTDOOR GRILLING

Betty Crocker Magazine—offers what in essence is a small subject specific cookbook on a monthly basis. Recipes are organized in "chapters" and a coded index is also provided. This magazine contains beautiful photographs, nutritional information and dietary exchanges.

Chile Pepper— magazine is dedicated to the spicy side of life. Each issue sizzles with the best of zesty cuisine, including chef and celebrity profiles, tips and techniques. With more than 40 recipes from hot sauce to haute cuisine from Baton Rouge to Bali if its full of flavor it is in the magazine. May issue is the Barbecue and Grilling issue.

Cuisine at home—the indispensable guide to becoming a master chef in your very own kitchen. You can create restaurant-style recipes that your family will request time and again! In our cooking class magazine you'll find step-by-step photos with every recipe, great cooking tips and techniques, and recipes that contain easy-to-find ingredients at the store. Nutritional information is provided for each recipe, and each issue features an "all about" section with detailed focus on a specific foodstuff. Reviews of kitchenware and gadgets are included.

Everyday with Rachael Ray—is a print personification of her television shows and personality. The beginning of each issue features product reviews, favorite items as shopping recommendations, and celebrity appearances. The core four sections of the magazine is when the true value becomes apparent. "Ready? Set" focuses on tools and techniques, "Co" features recipes, and a noteworthy seven-day menu planner, "Get Together," provides entertaining and party suggestions. "Go away" offers travel ideas with a culinary slant.

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REMBRANDT

mendous accomplishment, tempered with a growing spiritual awareness that resulted from loss and sorrow.

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Rembrandt will be found on the Upper Level during the month of July.

Rembrandt: His Life, His Work, His Time
by Bob Haak (B REM HAAK)

Rembrandt's Eyes
by Simon Schama (B REM SCHA)

Understanding Rembrandt: A Study of the Art of the Greatest Dutch Master of the 17th Century
by Trewin Copplestone (759.9492 COPP)

The Life, Times and Art of Rembrandt
by Mario Lepore (759.9492 LEPO)

Rembrandt and Seventeenth-Century Holland
by Claudio Pescio (759.9492 PESC)

The World of Rembrandt, 1606-1669
by Robert Wallace (760.0924 WALL)

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1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
July 1-31 *Transfer of Power* by Vince Flynn; email *remarks@lcplin.org*. Visit http://www.lcplin.org/remarks.htm.

OOD PRESSURE SCREENING
July 1, Wed. from 10:30am-11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
July 1, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
July 8, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to search on the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL
July 8, Wed. at 6pm Sign-up for free email address. ase register at ext. 346.

COUNTRY MINSTRELS MUSIC PROGRAM
July 8, Wed. at 7pm Great Lakes maritime- sea chanteys, Irish dances, and pub songs.

CIRCLE OF READERS
July 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang. Please register at ext. 340.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB
July 10, Fri. at 9:30am Understanding your dreams co-sponsored with Centier Bank Advantage Club. Call Sharon St. Myers at 219-755-6140 ext. 1839 for details.

BOGO
July 14, Tues. from 2-8pm Friends of the library offering a "Buy One-Get One" sale in the Book Sale Room.

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG
July 15, Wed. at 2pm Learn to use the online library catalog. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: UPDATE YOUR RESUME
July 15, Wed. at 6pm Create a basic resume using your up-to-date employment and education information. Please register at ext. 346.

GENEALOGY
July 18, Sat. at 2pm Genealogist Marlene Polster will help find your elusive ancestors. Please register at ext. 334.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
July 22, Wed. at 2pm Instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Please register at ext. 346.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
July 24, Fri. from 10-11:30am Informational and interactive session to understand progressive dementias. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
July 24, Fri. from Noon-1:30pm Ruth Ann Schaller of St. Anthony's Hospital presentation: "Re-communication." The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

COMPUTER CLASS: JOBS ON INDIANA CAREERCONNECT.COM
July 29, Wed. from 6-8pm Learn to search for jobs using IndianaCareerConnect.com. Please register at ext. 346.

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Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

OPEN MIC
July 8, Wed. at 5:30pm Teens are invited to read poetry greats or their own original writings.

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MOVIE DAY
July 11, Sat. at 1pm Families can enjoy a movie with popcorn and lemonade.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
July 13, Mon. at 12:30pm Dessert and discussion of *Brought to Book* by Anthea Fraser.

SCHOOL LOCKER ART
July 14, Tues. at 3pm Teens craft a new accessory for school locker. Please register.

BUBBLEOLOGIST
July 16, Thurs. at 2pm All invited for bubble creations of Bubble-ologist Keith Evans. Registration required.

BOOK BUDDIES
July 27, Mon. at 6:30pm Dessert and an informal discussion of In the *Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer-Fleming.

41ST AVENUE PLAYERS SHOW TIME
July 28, Tues. at 2pm Everyone invited to the theatrical presentation of the 41st Avenue Players.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

EXPRESS YOURSELF
July 7, 14, 21, & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens try unusual feats of art. Please register.

BOOK CHAT
July 15, Wed. at 7pm Dessert and informal discussion of *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger.

HIGHLAND MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
July 23, Thurs. at 7pm *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie King.

GRIFFITH GAB
July 27, Mon. at 1pm Adam Gopnik's "Paris Journals" from the New Yorker magazine.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

SNACK & PLAN
July 6, Mon. at 5pm Teens plan programs for teens and younger kids.

CARD CLASS
July 7, Tues. at 1pm Make beautiful handmade cards and paper craft items; $5 fee. Registration required.

LAUGH OUT LOUD @ YOUR LIBRARY
July 8, Wed. at 7pm Tom Foolery Comedy Troupe performs improvisational humor.

STEPPIN' OUT – BASIC DANCE
July 10, Fri. at 1pm Learn and practice basic steps for a variety of dances.

EXPRESSO SELF
July 13, Mon. at 4pm Teens create paintings with brewed espresso and coffee grounds.

HISTORY VIDEO: MONUMENTAL TREASURES
July 14, Tues. at 2pm Historical monuments and locations throughout the world.

BOOKS & CHAT
July 15, Wed. at 6:30pm *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman.

***PLAYSTATION* MANIA**
July 22, Wed. at 3pm Teens play a variety of *PlayStation, Wii*, and other games.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

IRIDESCENT SUNCATCHERS
July 7, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens create iridescent sun catchers at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln Street, Room 21.

***MAD LIBS* & BOARD GAMES**
July 14, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens play board games and participate in *Mad Libs* at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

MSG FYEO
July 21, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens take the text message challenge at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
July 23, Thurs. at 7pm *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie King discussion at the Griffith Branch Library during Highland's renovation.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
July 6, Mon. at 6pm Learn basic skills. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
July 13, Mon. at 6pm Learn the keyboard, Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Please register.

TWILIGHT PROM
July 14, Tues. at 2pm Twilight committee will set up for the prom. Refreshments served.

TWILIGHT PROM
July 15, Wed. at 6pm Stephenie Meyer fans are invited to the Twilight Prom. Come as your favorite character or yourself.

COMPUTER CLASS
July 20, Mon. at 6pm Learn to search on the internet. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL BASICS
July 27, Mon. at 6pm Learn how to email and set up a free email account. Please register.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
July 29, Wed. at 2pm Everyone is invited to enjoy ice cream treats. Bring a topping to share with the group.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
[illegible]2-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

HOBART TOWNSHIP BOOK CHAT
July 21, Tues. at 2pm *Blue Diary* by Alice Hoffman.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

TEEN CRAFTING
July 2, 16, 30, Thurs. at 2pm Teens make cool art projects. Call to reserve materials.

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July 8, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardeners Anna & Wayne Barnes present details on successful growth of lilies and daylilies.

CROSSROADS: *STEEL GIANTS*
July 9, Thurs. at 10:30am History and culture of steel in NWI by Steve McShane of the Calumet Regional co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Please call 972-7317 to register.

TEEN GAMING
July 10 & 24, Fri. at 2pm Teens play *Wii Sports* and *PlayStation Guitar Hero.* Please call to register.

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
July 14, Tues. at 6:30pm *Wilby Wonderful* is a comedy about the difference a day makes. For mature audiences; not rated by the MPAA; in English, no captions, adults only; running time 99 minutes.

EXPLORE: THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY
July 16, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Discover the Lincoln Highway from New York City to San Francisco.

GARDEN FLOOD RECOVERY
July 20, Mon. at 7pm Learn how to recover your garden after major flooding.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
July 23, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
July 23, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Archivist: A Novel* by Martha Cooley.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
July 30, Thurs. at 7pm A discourse of *Rothschild's Fiddle* by Anton Chekhov, a selection from the *First Series of Great Books*.

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1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
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STAMP CAMP
July 14, Tues. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials for handmade cards. Registration required.

CREATIVE GAMING
July 15, Wed. at 2pm Teens are invited to open play with *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*. Please register.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
July 15, Wed. at 7pm Visit Philadelphia, Valley Forge, and Pennsylvanian covered bridges.

YARD MASTER SERIES
July 23, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Bill Tobin presents information on backyard composting.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
July 29, Wed. at 7pm or July 30, Thurs. at 10:15am *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup.

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Central Library www.lcplin.org
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

July 2, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages (caregivers with 5 and under) sing along with Troy, Taylor, Gabrielle, Chad, Sharpay, and the rest of the characters in *High School Musical 3 – Senior Year*. Celebrate with them as they get ready for graduation day. Please register at ext. 360.

MASK-MAKING-MANIA

July 7, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, 1st through 4th grade, will use their imaginations to create a paper mache mask. This is a two day project, so plan to return to the library on Wednesday, July 8 at 2pm to paint and complete your handiwork.

MEET PEGGY ARCHER

July 9, Thurs. at 2pm Peggy Archer, author of *Turkey Surprise* will read her books, sing songs, and answer questions about how to ite and publish your own book. Please register at ext. 360.

MANGA & MORE

July 14, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, 1st through 4th grades, will learn how to draw 'manga,' anime, avatar, and cartoon characters from our resident artist, Nick Mangos. Bring a pencil, plain or color. Practice paper will be provided. Please register at ext. 360.

BEACH FRONT DANCE SCHOOL

July 16, Thurs. at 2pm Dancers from the Beach Front Dance School will demonstrate a variety of styles, from hip hop to ballet and will entertain children of all ages (5 and under with a caregiver) with their award winning choreography. Please register.

MAKE A SPLASH AT THE LIBRARY

July 21, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, 1st through 4th grades, will have a great time listening to fun stories, playing water games, and getting totally soaked as they make a splash at the library. Wear a bathing suit, bring a towel, and be ready to have lots of fun. Please register at ext. 360.

THE GREAT AMERICAN GAME SHOW & BOOK EXCHANGE

July 23, Thurs. at 2pm Teen actors, directed by Edith Roberson, will perform a funny, upbeat play called *The Great American Game Show* with famous characters from history appearing as special, mystery guests for children of all ages (under 5 with a caregiver). There will also be a Book Exchange for those who would like to swap their gently used books from a specially set up display. Please register at ext. 360.

PUPPET MANIA

July 28, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, 1st through 4th grades, will hear stories about plays and acting. They will get a chance to create their own paper bag puppet and perform a skit. Please register at ext. 360.

UMMER READING FINALE – BALLONIST MARK SMALL

July 30, Thurs. at 2pm Mark Small, a balloon artist, will entertain children of all ages (under 5 with a caregiver) with his imaginative balloon art. Children who have read books this summer will be able to pick up their reading certificates. Registration required.

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CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

SAND ART

July 2, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make a sand art jar. Please register.

TIME FOR FINGER PAINTING

July 7, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will finger paint with some unusual paints. Dress for the mess! Please register.

NATIVE AMERICAN ART

July 9, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will use modern items to recreate Native American items. Please register.

CHICKEN DANCE

July 14, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will learn that famous Chicken Dance. Please register.

EGYPTIAN MASK

July 16, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will travel back to ancient Egypt and make a colorful mask-picture of a pharaoh. Please register.

ELMER THE ELEPHANT

July 21, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear about that colorful elephant, Elmer, and make a replica mask. Please register.

SHIMMERING DESIGN

July 23, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will use paint, string, paper, and glitter to create a unique picture. Please register.

SURVIVOR – PAINTER'S COVE

July 30, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will complete challenges to reach the Isle of Wtai in this end of summer reading program. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 7, Tues. at 2pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this lap-sit program with songs, rhymes, and stories. Please register.

OPEN MIC

July 8, Wed. at 5:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will read from a variety of poetry greats or from their own original writings. They will also have the opportunity to create a journal and play games.

MOVIE DAY

July 11, Sat. at 1pm Families will enjoy a movie with popcorn and lemonade.

SCHOOL LOCKER ART

July 14, Tues. at 3pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, can get ready for school with a new accessory for the locker. Please register.

BUBBLEOLOGIST

July 16, Thurs. at 2pm Families will enjoy the bubble creations of Bubble-ologist Keith Evans. Registration required.

AFTERNOON ART

July 17, Fri. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will talk about the works of artist Frida Kahlo, play games, and create a self portrait. Please register.

IT'S RONALD MCDONALD!

July 21, Tues. at 2pm Ronald is bringing a special message: "Reading is Fun!" Families will enjoy stories and a puppet show. Please register.

DRUM CIRCLE

July 22, Wed. at 5:30pm School age kids, kindergarten and up, will learn about and make a drum. Then it's time for a drum circle accompanied by a conga player Cassy Melendez. Please register.

41ST AVENUE PLAYERS SHOW TIME

July 28, Tues. at 2pm Everyone is invited to enjoy the theatrical presentation of the 41st Avenue Players.

IT'S A WRAP!

July 30, Thurs. at 3pm The Summer Reading wrap party will include games, snacks, and karaoke for all.

Griffith Branch www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

SUPER TOTS

July 1, 15, 22, 29, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver will enjoy craft time. The first week will be "Musical Games," next will be "Hand Puppets" turning hands into a marionette; followed by "Box Bonanza," making a jack in the box; and finally "Fish Out of Water," with a magic trick that will take the fish in and out of a fish bowl. Please register.

CREATIVE CREW

July 1, 8, 16, 22, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will express their creative talents. "Peter and the Wolf" includes learning about orchestra and the story at the same time. "Poetry Puzzles" provides an opportunity to write and illustrate poetry and turn it into a puzzle. "Cheshire Cat Puppet" is a time to make a multiple part puppet and learn how to be a one-man-show. And "Colorful Science" will explore color, blending, and more.

ALL KAZOO BAND

July 1, 8, 15, & 30, Wed. at 3:15pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will learn to play the Kazoo. Come to band practice each week for the final performance on July 30…and keep the Kazoo.

CRAFTY PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

July 2, 9, 16, & 23, Thurs. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will have fun with craft projects starting with "Eating Instruments," making a fellow who can swallow the orchestra; followed by "Fun with Mother Goose," with a variety of rhymes turned into crafts and games; then it's "Finger Puppets," as they create a personal puppet; and finally "Chicken Cha-Cha," as they learn the famous chicken dance. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL BAND

July 2, 9, 16, Thurs. at 3:15pm All pre-school children, 3 to 5 year olds, who would like to join our talent show on July 30, are welcome to join the library's rhythm band (stick, bells, and maraca) and learn the song *Mother Goose has Rhythmical Rhymes* for the big performance.

TALENT SHOW TRY-OUTS

July 7 & 14, Tues. at 2pm Dance, sing, play guitar, amuse with jokes, share your poetry. Kids from 6 to 16 years of age are invited to become part of the July 30th Talent Show.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

July 7, 14, 21, & 30, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens, 11 to 16 year olds, will try unusual feats of art. First up is "Shakespeare Meets Newton," as they watch a delightful film starring Hamlet's friends, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Next will be "Hand Puppet," designing the head for the costume it will wear as a puppet, finishing up this project the following week. And finally the evening of the Talent Show at the end of the month. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

FREEDOM FEST

July 1, Wed. at 2pm Kids of all ages will enjoy stories and activities celebrating Independence Day.

EVERYBODY DANCE NOW!

July 6, Mon. at 2pm Everyone is invited to learn some dance moves with Max the Bunny!

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SNACK & PLAN

July. 6, Mon. at 5pm Teens, 12 to 18 years of age, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants earn volunteer time.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

July 7, 14, & 21, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy summer programs featuring stories, musical activities, short films, and crafts.

TRASH TO TREASURE

July 8, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 years of age, will get creative and recycle used products into works of art.

LAUGH OUT LOUD @ YOUR LIBRARY

July 8, Wed. at 7pm The hilariously funny comedy troupe, Tom Foolery, will perform improvisational humor. They will teach members of the audience some games so everyone can contribute to the hilarity. LOL for all!

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 9 & 23, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, infants to 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays and musical activities.

EXPRESSO SELF

July 13, Mon. at 4pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will enjoy espresso and other snacks while creating amazing paintings with brewed espresso and coffee grounds. They will also create open-ended art with a variety of recycled materials.

MAGIC OF MUSIC

July 15, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, enjoy stories and games about the power of music and make an instrument.

THE MAGIC OF HARRY POTTER

July 18, Sat. at 2pm Celebrate movie Number 6 by playing magical games. Kids of all ages will learn a little magic at Hogwarts-style classes and create magical crafts and treats.

CHICKEN CHA-CHA-CHA

July 22, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will have fun with stories, games, and dancing.

PLAYSTATION MANIA

July 22, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation, Wii* and other games, including spoons. Tournaments for those who wish to compete. Food and pop for all.

EDIBLE ART

July 27, Mon. at 6:30pm Kids of all ages are invited to use food and recreate famous works of art that feature food. It's a chance to make original works of your own and enjoy eating your creation. There will also be stories and other activities featuring food, which we will all devour.

CLOSING: BOOKIN' WITH RONALD

July 29, Wed. at 2pm Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate the end of Summer Reading. Ronald McDonald will entertain, and we will distribute Reading Certificates and final prizes.

Highland Branch www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

During the Highland Branch Library's reconstruction, thel children's programs in July will take place at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln Street – all Tuesday programs in Room 21 – and all Wednesday programs in the Community Room. No registration for any of these programs is necessary.

SUMMERTIME FUN FOR TODDLERS

July 1, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy stories and more about some of the wonderful activities of summer at the Lincoln Center in the Community Room.

NOW YOU SEE IT!

July 1, Wed. at 1pm or 2:30pm After hearing parts of *The Secret Science Project That Ate the School*, school age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will observe a few simple magical science experiments and make a magic drawing at the Lincoln Center in the Community Room.

SILLY DANCING

July 7, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, will boogie and bop through this story hour filled with dancing stories, dancing music, and a simple dancing craft at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

IRIDESCENT SUNCATCHERS

July 7, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens, 12 to 17 year olds, will transform cd's, copper wire, glass beads, and other baubles into unique, iridescent sun catchers, ready to shimmer and reflect the sunlight at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

EVENING MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 7 & 21, Tues. at 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 36 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities, and more at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 8 & 22, Wed. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 36 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities and more at the Lincoln Center in the Community Room.

SUNCATCHERS

July 8, Wed. at 1pm or 2:30pm After hearing *Purple, Green, and Yellow* by Robert Munsch, school age children, 6 to 12 years of age, will make a sparkling sun catcher to dance and reflect the sun at the Lincoln Center in the Community Room.

COLORFUL CREATIONS

July 14, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm A rainbow of colors will be on display within the stories, songs, and finger plays designed especially for children that are 3 to 6 years of age at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

MAD LIBS & BOARD GAMES

July 14, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens, 12 to 17 year olds, can bring a friend and pull up a chair to play board games, and participate in *Mad Libs* at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

FAMILY STORY HOUR

July 14 & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

COLORS FOR TODDLERS

July 15, Wed. at 10:30am Colorful stories, songs, and activities will delight toddlers, 2 to 3 years of age accompanied by a caregiver. The children will have the opportunity to use watercolors at the Lincoln Center, Community Room.

THUMBPRINT ART

July 15, Wed. at 1pm or 2:30pm After hearing *Six Thick Thumbs: A Tongue-Twisting Tale* by Steve Charney, school age kids, 6 to 12 year olds, will turn their thumbprints into clever designs at the Lincoln Center, in the Community Room.

MONSTER MASH

July 21, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Fun, friendly 'monsters' will be featured in this story hour for pre-school age children, 3 to 6 years of age. The children will make a simple monster craft at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

MSG FYEO

July 21, Tues. at 2:30pm Teens, 12 to 17 year olds, are invited to take the text message challenge! Use pre-printed phrases to create messages and attempt to translate messages already written at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

ENORMOUS ELEPHANTS

July 28, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, get ready to swing your trunks, flap your ears, and trumpet for joy as you stomp through this elephant story hour filled with stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple elephant craft at the Lincoln Center, Room 21.

TODDLERS: DARLING DUCKS

July 29, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2-3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver will enjoy stories, songs, and finger plays about ducks at the Lincoln Center, Community Room.

READERS' THEATRE

July 29, Wed. at 1pm or 2:30pm School age children, 6-12 year olds, will divide into groups to read and practice engaging, entertaining scripts. Each child will make a mask to depict a character. The groups will take turns performing for each other using scripts at the Lincoln Center, Community Room.

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HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch www.lcplin.org/hobart.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

TUESDAY AFTERNOON STORY HOUR
July 1, 7, 14, 21, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm Children from the age of 3 to 7 will hear stories with a different theme each week: face painting, photography, dance, and paper weaving.

AFTERNOON MOVIE
July 2, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, can attend a screening of *The Tale of Despereaux*, a feature film based upon the Newberry Award Winning story by Kate DiCamillo. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Please register.

SUMMER STORY HOURS
July 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22, Tuesdays at 1pm & 6pm and Wednesdays at 10:30am Young children, 3 to 7 year olds, will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Weekly themes include Photography, Dance, and Paper Weaving.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STORY HOUR
July 8, 15, 22, Wed. at 10:30am Children from the age of 3 to 7 will hear stories with a different theme each week: photography, dance, and paper weaving.

TODDLER STORY TIME
July 9 & 23, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in a variety of stories, songs, finger plays, and simple crafts in this half-our program. Please register.

FAMOUS FINE ARTISTS
July 9, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will learn about the art styles of some of the greatest artists: Matisse, Picasso, and Kahlo. We will try our hand at Matisse-like paper collages. Please register.

TWILIGHT PROM
July 14, Tues. at 2pm The Twilight Prom committee will be setting up the prom. Refreshments served.

TWILIGHT PROM
July 15, Wed. at 6pm All Stephenie Meyer fans are invited to the Twilight Prom. Come as your favorite character or just come as yourself. Enjoy trivia from all four books in the series, music, and refreshments.

ROCK BANDS
July 16, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will learn about rock bands, the drums, and electrical and acoustic guitar. There will also be a live demonstration of drums and guitars. Please register.

MARBELIZED PAPER
July 22, Wed. at 2pm 'Tweens,' 9 to 13 year olds, will use a pan of marbles and paint to design their own artwork. Please register.

CREATIVE AQUARIUMS
July 23, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will create aquariums from plastic bottles and other materials. Please bring a large plastic bottle with you.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
July 29, Wed. at 2pm Everyone is invited to beat the heat and come to the library for icy cold ice cream treats. Bring a topping to share with the group.

INDIANA BALLET THEATER
July 30, Thurs. at 2pm The Indiana Ballet Theater will discuss dancing and demonstrate dance moves to school age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade. Face painting to follow! Please register.

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Summer Reading continues through August 1.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

LOW TECH GAMING

July 1, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 1st grade and older, will find out how good they are at playing games the old fashioned way with board games.

THURSDAY AT THE MOVIES

July 2, 9, 16, & 23, Thurs. at 2pm Each Thursday children, ages 10 and older, will be able to enjoy a movie starting with Jetsons, The Movie; *Close Encounters of the Third Kind; Buzz Lightyear of Star Command;* and finally *Star Wars the Clone Wars*, an animated feature film.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

July 7, 14, 21, & 28, Tues. at 10:30am Children between the ages of 3 to 5 can attend these summer story times that will include books, music, finger plays, and crafts. Please register.

BEGINNING ITALIAN LESSONS

July 7, 14, 21, 28, Tues. at 3pm Mollie Ivaldi will instruct school age children, 6 years of age and older, who want to learn to speak Italian. Just bring a pencil and notebook. Lessons will continue through August.

MOVIE BREAK

July 8, Wed. at 2pm Kids of all ages are invited to roll on in and enjoy *Wall-e*, the Disney animated feature film, rated G (97 minutes). Bring a snack!

TIP TOP TWO's

July 9 & 16, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

AMERICAN GREYHOUNDS

July 15, Wed. at 6pm School age children, 1st grade and up, will learn about Greyhounds and Greyhound Rescue with Jeff Coggins of the American Greyhound Rescue Group with a few of the rescued Greyhounds. Please register.

GROOVY T-SHIRTS

July 22, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 1st grade and up, can bring in their own clean, white t-shirt to create a tie-dye design. Please register.

PET SHOW

July 29, Wed. at 2pm Show off your pet at the Library Pet Show! All house pets are welcome and each will be awarded a certificate of participation. All pets must be on a leash or in a cage. Please make sure you call to register yourself and your pet!

Munster Branch www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

SUMMER FUN

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm School age children, 1st grade and up, are invited to explore their imagination. Weekly themes: Movin' & Groovin,' Ham It Up, Do Re Mi, Now You See It, and Free Play. Each program includes stories, games, a craft, and other activities.

TEEN CRAFTING

July 2, 16, 30, Thurs. at 2pm Teens, 12 to 17 year olds, can make cool art projects that require time and unusual materials. Please call to register two weeks before program date to insure enough materials to make ice candles, bead animals, and string art.

SUMMER READING MID-WAY VOLUNTEER MEETING

July 2, Thurs. at 3:30pm Student volunteers, 5th grade and older, may become a Summer Reading Volunteer. Bring your personal summer schedule and your parent to sign the volunteer application. If you are unable to attend the meeting or have questions, please call Brittany at ext. 307.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

July 6, 13, 20, 27, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: Let Me Shine, La De Da, Patch It Up, and My World. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

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FANTASTIC 4's & 5's & 6's

July 7, 14, 21, 28, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 4 to 6, are invited to story times with themes this month: Let Me Shine, La De Da, Patch It Up, and My World. All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

July 9 & 23, Thurs. at 6pm Children of all ages (5 and under accompanied by a caregiver) should dress comfy and come to enjoy a movie on the big screen. Bring personal munchies and remember, clean-up is required. First will be *Fantasia*, rated G with a run time of 74 minutes, and then *Alice In Wonderland*, rated G with a run time of 75 minutes.

READING BUDDIES

July 10 & 24, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this **off-site** story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

TEEN GAMING

July 10 & 24, Fri. at 2pm Teens, 12 to 17 year olds, are invited to take turns playing *Wii Sports* and *PlayStation Guitar Hero*. Please call to register.

END OF SUMMER READING CARNIVAL

Aug. 1, Sat. from 1:30-3pm All Summer Reading participants are invited to a carnival! See details next month in the August Happenings Jr.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

LUNCHTIME MOVIE

July 2, Thurs. at Noon Children of all ages are invited to view a major feature film. Bring lunch (no red beverages, please). Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

July 7, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Children from 3 to 5 years of age will enjoy stories, games, and crafts. Please register.

MEET MAX

July 8, Wed. at 10:30am Everyone is invited to meet Max, a storybook character that all children know and love from the *Max and Ruby* books. Have your picture taken with him, too! Please register.

YOUNG READERS

July 9, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month to discuss and review books, while earning volunteer hours for some library projects. Refreshments served. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July14 & 28, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Please register.

CREATIVE GAMING

July 15, Wed. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are invited to open play with *Wii Sports, Guitar Hero*, and *DDR*. Please register.

MAKE IT WITH FOOD

July 16, Thurs. at 10:30am or 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear stories, play games, and design their own food creations. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

July 21, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children ages 3 to 5 will enjoy stories, games, and crafts. Please register.

RONALD MCDONALD

July 22, Wed. at 10:30am Children of all ages are invited to meet Ronald McDonald and enjoy his magic show. Please register.

CREATIVE STAMP CLASS

July 23, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will 'Get Creative' with rubber stamps and learn how to craft origi- greeting cards. Registration required.

FIRE! FIRE!

July 29, Wed. at 2pm Put out the heat of summer with a spray of cool, refreshing H2O from the Schererville Fire Engine. Bring a towel. In case of inclement weather, the rain date will be July 30, Thursday at 2pm.

St. John Branch www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

JUNIOR PICASSO'S

July 7, Tues. at 10:30am or July 8, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear the story *I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!* by Karen Beaumont, enjoy musical activities, finger plays, and create a masterpiece with blue tempera paint.

MEET MAX

July 9, Thurs. at 2pm Max, the curious bunny from the books *Max and Ruby* by Rosemary Wells, will be hopping into town to visit the St. John Library. He is hoping to see children of all ages and loves posing for pictures. So bring your camera! Register early, space is limited.

GAME TIME

July 11, Sat. Noon-4pm Children, 3 years of age and older, are invited to get out of the heat by playing an assortment of card and board games. Those younger than 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Games are available on a first come, first serve basis. A Lake County Public Library card is needed to check-out games that will be played in the library building only.

ISIC & MOVEMENT

uly 14, Tues. at 10:30am or July 15, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, wil explore the art of music and movement through stories, traditional songs, finger plays, and will make a musical instrument. Please register.

CREATIVE HAIR DESIGN SHOW

July 16, Thurs. at 3pm Children of all ages are invited to see the creative energy of family and friends as they show off their hair-styles. Sign up by July 11th to enter the hairstyle contest. Prizes will be awarded for the most unique hairstyles. Please register.

TEXTURED ART

July 21, Tues. at 10:30am or July 25, Sat. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories, participate in musical activities, finger plays, and create works of art using rough, smooth, large, small, curved, and straight dry food pieces. Please register.

RONALD MCDONALD

July 22, Wed. at 2pm Ronald McDonald will be visiting and showing us that reading is fun through magic acts, puppet shows, and skits! Please register early as space is limited.

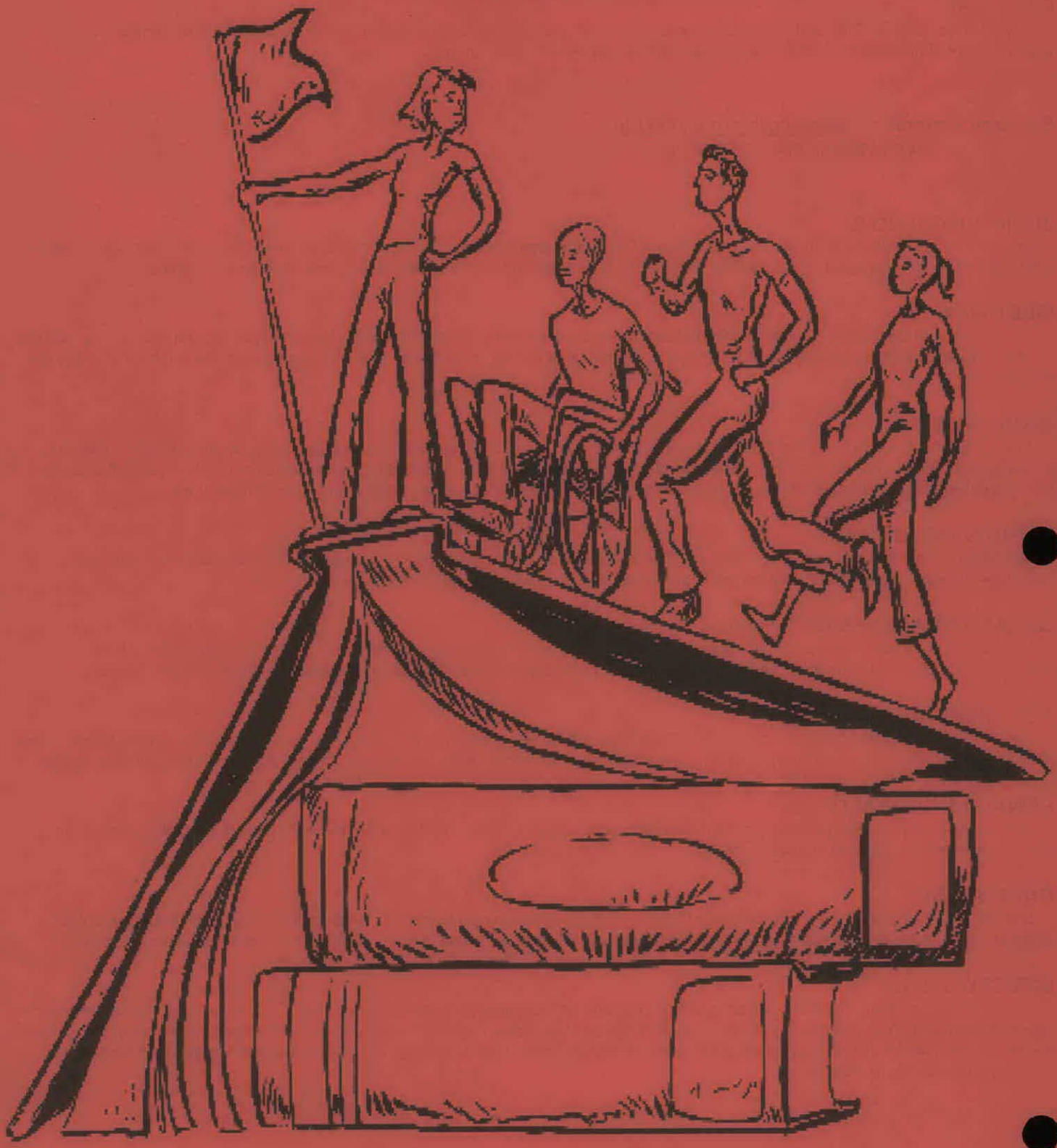
CAMP ROCK

July 23, Thurs. at 1pm School age children, 1st grade and up, will watch the Disney Channel original movie *Camp Rock* about an aspiring young musician who wants to become a professional singer. This movie is rated G and lasts 94 minutes. Please register.

VARIETY SHOW

July 30, Thurs. at 2pm Children of all ages who participated in Summer Reading are invited to join us for our closing program featuring performances by local youths. If you are 5 years of age or older, have a specific talent, and are interested in performing, please see the branch librarian by July 16th for more information. Youth performers, age 11 and up, will be credited with library volunteer hours. Please register for the performance.

EXPRESS YOURSELF



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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the
Life and Times of MERIWETHER LEWIS

"Left Pittsburgh this day at 11 o'clock with a party of 11 hands, 7 of which are soldiers, a pilot, and three young men on trial, they having proposed to go with me throughout the voyage." With this diary entry of August 31, 1803, Meriwether Lewis began his account of the epic Corps of Discovery expedition to the Pacific Ocean, commissioned by President Jefferson to explore lands newly acquired by the Louisiana Purchase. He appointed his secretary and life-long friend, Captain Meriwether Lewis, to lead it. Lewis chose William Clark to be his co-leader. Lewis had been born on August 18, 1744, in Virginia, and a boyhood spent in the wilderness had given him a taste for exploration. His army career fighting Indians in the Northwest Territories had developed his knowledge of the Indians, their customs, and languages. To prepare for the major journey Jefferson had assigned to him, Lewis spent two years in an intensive study of plants, animals, astronomy, and navigation. Upon the highly successful conclusion of the three-year expedition, Jefferson appointed Lewis governor of the Louisiana Territory. In 1809, on his way to Washington D.C., he met an untimely and mysterious death at a wayside inn. He is considered by many to be the greatest pathfinder this country has ever known.

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Meriwether Lewis will be found on the Upper

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Mary Grogan
Assistant Manager, Reference Services

Check Out Our Magazines!

Did you know that Lake County Public Library subscribes to more than 450 magazines, journals, and newspapers? Many of those are the ones you probably expect: Time, Newsweek, Ladies Home Journal, Hot Rod, Seventeen, and Sports Illustrated. But this summer might be a good time to explore some of the less well-known publications.

The Staff in the Periodicals Department, Marilyn VanBerg, Sharon Heavner, and Sylvia Robertson, set-up an array of magazines – check them out!

Are you planning a vacation? *Travel and Leisure* or Cruise Travel can introduce you to the enticements of faraway places. Or maybe this year you are planning a "staycation." Published weekly, Time Out Chicago will help you find events you can enjoy just an hour's drive away. Sky & Telescope will help you explore the universe from your own backyard. Family Fun, Nick, and Creative Kids offer projects and activities that will both educate and entertain your youngster right at home.

In today's economy we are all trying to make the most of our money. You can find helpful advice in magazines like *ShopSmart* (from Consumer Reports), RefundCents, and Consumer Reports' Money Advisor. If you are retired or planning for retirement, Kiplinger's Retirement Report includes information on investing, managing your finances, estate planning, and retirement living.

If you need a little inspiration to get your creative juices flowing, try ReadyMade, a bimonthly magazine that focuses on do-it-yourself projects involving interior design, furniture making, home improvement, sewing, metalworking, woodworking, and more. Most projects are inexpensive and environmentally friendly. A recent issue included directions for creating a lampshade made from old keys, constructing raised vegetable beds for the urban garden, and mixing the perfect whiskey sour. And there's an entire magazine, CardMaker, for people who like to celebrate life's special occasions with hand-made greeting cards!

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Try expressing your creativity in the kitchen. EatingWell, Vegetarian Times, and Diabetic Cooking offer inexpensive and healthy alternatives to restaurant meals.

Chicago Bears Training Camp starts soon. Find in-depth information on what's happening this month and throughout the year in Bear Report. Among our many other sports magazines are Black Belt, devoted to the martial arts, In-Fisherman for freshwater fishing enthusiasts, and Bicycling.

Would someone in your family enjoy reading a Spanish language magazine? Our Spanish titles include Buenhogar, Estylo, People en Español, Vanidades, and Readers Digest Selecciones.

Military History is a popular magazine devoted to the history of warfare. A recent issue included articles on World War I British cartoonist Bruce Bairnsfather, covert operations against the British during the American Revolution, and 12 weapons that "transformed warfare through the ages." Another publication, Civil War Historian, focuses specifically on the War Between the States.

If you would rather focus on the future instead of the past, you might like Discover magazine. Recent articles explored the frontiers of astronomy, the secrets of the brain, and the wealth of minerals waiting to be uncovered on the ocean floor.

So far we've mentioned only 34 of the titles waiting for you at LCPL. There are hundreds more, and you can read them in the library or at home. Check them out!

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The Age of NAPOLEON

ASK

"My mom calls this hot weather the "dog days of summer". Where does that phrase originate?"

The phrase "dog days" (Latin: Caniculae, Caniculares dies) refers to the hottest, most sultry days of summer. In the northern hemisphere they usually fall between early July and early September while in the southern hemisphere they are usually between January and early March. The Greeks and Romans used the term "dog days" after Sirius, the Dog Star, the brightest star in the sky. Popularly believed to be an evil time "when the seas boiled, wine turned sour, dogs grew mad, and all creatures became languid, causing to man burning fevers, hysterics, and phrensies". (Brady's Clavis Calendarium, 1813)

Books

Staff Recommends

Murder at Deviation Junction by Andrew Martin
"This is my first introduction to the work of Andrew Martin and his marvelous railroad detective, Jim Stringer. As Jim struggles to keep his wife happy, his son healthy, and his superior from dismissing him, uncovers a body in a snow bank and suspects murder. England, 1902…the railroad is a happening place."
MM/Reference

Enlightenment for Idiots: A Novel by Anne Cushman
When yoga teacher and free-lance writer, Amanda, travels to India in search of material for her new book about "enlightenment," she encounters a variety of captivating characters as she searches for the elusive secret to happiness. Woven throughout this quirky and humorous novel are Amanda's e-mail letters to her editor, descriptions of yoga poses, and quotes from Indian philosophers."
DW/Cataloging

How the States Got Their Shapes by Mark Stein
"Sound like a boring title? Maybe, but the book is a history lesson through geography. Whether you read parts of it or read it cover to cover, interesting facts will be revealed. Ever wonder: Why is there a West Virginia and why is it shaped so weird? Why is the Upper Peninsula of Michigan a part of Michigan instead of Wisconsin? How did Oklahoma get its panhandle? Why did Texas, California, and New York end up being larger than most other states? Mark Stein (a Hollywood screenwriter) makes it a fun read as you meet up with British kings holding grudges, Congressional representatives obsessed with latitudes and longitudes, and drunken surveyors."
RB/Reference

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MERIWETHER LEWIS

Level of the Central Library during the month of August.

Meriwether Lewis: A Biography by Richard Dillon (B LEW DILL)

The Lewis and Clark Journals: An American Epic of Discovery, ed. by Gary E. Moulton (917.8 LEWI)

The Fate of the Corps: What Became of the Lewis and Clark Explorers After the Expedition by Larry E. Morris (917.8 MORR)

Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West by Stephen E. Ambrose (917.8042 AMBR)

Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery, an Illustrated History by Dayton Duncan (917.8042 DUNC)

Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes, ed. by Alvin M.

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1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
August 1-31 *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup; email to remarks@lcplin.org or visit http://www.lcplin.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Aug. 3, Mon. from 1:30-6pm Please reserve a time at ext. 315.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Aug. 5, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

MERCEDES & FRIENDS MUSIC PROGRAM
Aug. 10, Mon. at 7pm Live performance of Broadway, country & Great American Songbook tunes.

GREAT DECISIONS
August 11 & 25, Tues. from 6:30-8:30pm August topic: *"Egypt in the 21st Century."* If not previously registered, please call ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: UPDATE YOUR RESUME
Aug. 12, Wed. from 2-4pm Create a basic resume using current information. Please register at ext. 346.

FANTASY FOOTBALL
Aug. 12 & 19, Wed. at 6pm This two-part computer class will teach the basics of fantasy football. Please register at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Aug. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Please register at ext. 340.

GARDENING
Aug. 18, Tues. at 7pm "All About Mums" by Master Gardeners Curtis and Lisa Remus. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: FIND A JOB
Aug. 19, Wed. at 2-4pm Learn to search IndianaCareerConnect.com. Please register at ext. 346.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Aug. 21, Fri. from 10-11:30am Free informational session for understanding progressive dementias. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ISSUES/STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Aug. 21, Fri. from Noon-1:30pm Kendra Howard of Guardian Medical Monitoring and Chief Delor of CP Fire Dept. will present: "Monitoring and Project Lifesaver." Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Aug. 26, Wed. at 2pm Instructor available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

FREE MONTHLY LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS
Aug. 26, Wed. at 7pm Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat will lead a yoga class with laughing techniques. Please register at ext. 317.

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5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Aug. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm Dessert and an informal discussion of *Evans Above* by Rhys Bowen.

BOOK BUDDIES
Aug. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm Dessert and informal discussion of *The Vineyard* by Barbara Delinsky.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/griffith.htm

JACK BENNY
Aug. 17, Mon. at 1pm Listen to a Jack Benny radio program and television show. View a video clip featuring guest Grocho Marx and discuss Jack's biography *Sunday Nights at Seven*.

BOOK CHAT
Aug. 19, Wed. at 7pm Dessert with informal discussion of the classic, *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud.

GRIFFITH GAB
Aug. 24, Mon. at 1pm Discuss *Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distorts the News* by Bernard Goldberg.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

KNITTING CLASS
Bring size 7 knitting needles and yarn. Call the library for dates.

HISTORY VIDEO
Aug. 11, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will visit Kilimanjaro; refreshments served.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Aug. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm *Johnny Got His Gun* by Salton Trumbo.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME
Aug. 25, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will tour South Africa via the big screen; refreshments served.

GAMEFEST
Aug. 26, Wed. at 3pm Teens may play a wide variety of *PlayStation* and *Wii* games.

FAMILY FUN
Aug. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm Beach stories, music, crafts, and other activities for all.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

CROSSROADS
Aug. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am This free program on calligraphy will take place at the Munster Branch Library during the Highland Branch Library renovation. Please call 972-7317 to register

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 4640
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

BOOK CHAT FOR HOBART TOWNSHIP
Aug. 18, Tues. at 2pm Discussion of *About the Author* by John Colapinto.

BOOK CHAT
Aug. 20, Thurs. at 10:30am Discussion of *A Blessed Event* by Jean Reynolds Page.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

GROWING A CUTTING GARDEN
Aug. 12, Wed. at 7pm Instruction by Master Gardener Dolly Foster for planting a garden full of cutting plants.

CROSSROADS
Aug. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am This free program on calligraphy will take place at the Munster Branch Library during the Highland Branch Library renovation. Please ca 972-7317 to register.

AARP - SAFE DRIVING COURSE
Aug. 18 & 19, Tues. & Wed. from 10:30-[illegible]:30pm AARP two-day refresher course for adults to improve their driving skills. $12 fee for AARP members and $14 fee for non-members payable to AARP due on the first day of class. Register by calling the library.

SANDWICH GENERATION
Aug. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm Program geared for adult children of Alzheimer's patients to learn coping techniques. Please register with Rose [illegible]ispie from Arden Courts at 708-1600, ext. 205.

EXPLORE: FRENCH LICK
Aug. 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Film chronicles the history of the French Lick Springs Hotel.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Aug. 27, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK [illegible]LUB
Aug. 27, Thurs. at 1:30pm Discussion of *Lost Geography* by Charlotte Bacon.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Aug. 27, Thurs. at 7pm A discourse of *On Happiness* by Aristotle, a selection from the *First Series of Great Books.*

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES-Adults Only
Aug. 3, Mon. at 1pm For mature audiences; not rated by the MPAA; adults only; Serbian film *The Trap* has English subtitles; run time 106 minutes.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Aug. 12, Wed. at 2pm Learn gaming skills on *Wii* bowling or tennis. Refreshments served.

STAMP CAMP
Aug. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm There is a $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
Aug. 19, Wed. at 7pm Wander Berlin's city streets, shops, art, and culture in this 70 minute travel video.

BETWEEN THE LINES-BOOK CLUB
Aug. 26 & 27, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Discussion of *Loving Frank,* a historical novel by Nancy Horan.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

STAMP CAMP
Aug. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Aug. 11, Tues. at 10:15am Discussion of *High Country* by Nevada Barr. Please register.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Aug. 19, Wed. at 2pm Learn gaming skills on *Wii* bowling or tennis. Refreshments served.

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Save the Date!

The Annual Friends of the Library Fall Sale is set for October 1, 2, & 3. Details of the preview and public sale times for terrific bargains on books, magazines, videos, records, cd's, puzzles, and dvd's in the September Happenings!

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Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous gifts. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors, and materials from our local service organizations.

We would like to thank those who have made a gift from January through June.

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Munster Branch
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READING CARNIVAL
Aug. 1, Sat. from 1:30–3pm All Summer Reading participants are invited to a carnival! Certificates of Completion will be ready for pick-up, along with participants' cards and ribbons. Children may play carnival games to win extra summer reading prizes, as well as get their faces painted. Adult supervision required for children ages 5 and under. Reading tickets will not be exchanged for prizes at this event.

READING BUDDIES
Aug. 14 & 28, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the second and fourth Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
Aug. 26, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, sons, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby!

Dyer-Schererville Branch Library
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

YOUNG READERS
Aug. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, will discuss and review humorous books that they have read. Young Readers can earn volunteer hours for library projects. Refreshments served. Please register.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Avenue
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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the
Life and Times of SAMUEL JOHNSON

One of the most quoted of English writers, Samuel Johnson is perhaps best known as the author of the first dictionary of the English language. The Italian national dictionary, published in 1612, had taken a body of scholars 20 years to prepare. Forty French scholars labored from 1639 to 1694 on the French national dictionary, with another 18 years spent on revisions. Johnson began work on his dictionary in 1746 and published it in 1755. Providing definitions for 40,000 words illustrated with 114,000 quotations, it has remained the basis for all subsequent English dictionaries. Samuel Johnson was born 300 years ago this month, on September 18, 1709. He contracted scrofula as a baby, which caused deafness in one ear, near-blindness in one eye, and disfiguring facial scars. Nevertheless, he was determined not to be handicapped, and through sheer effort became a popular poet, novelist, and essayist. After losing most of his money when a private school he founded failed, he thereafter depended solely upon his writing for income. In 1763 he met James Boswell, who later wrote the renowned Life of Samuel Johnson. In December, 1784, having suffered a debilitating stroke the previous year, Samuel Johnson died peacefully. "Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance."

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Samuel Johnson will be found on the Upper Level during the month of September.

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Jennifer Burnison
Marketing Manager

Hard Times...Free Library Time!

What can I say? Times are tough and now is the best time to come to the library for FREE materials and entertainment! And the word "free" is definitely something that brings joy to everyone's ears right now.

For the month of September the library is celebrating a yearly program called "Cool Kids Have a Library Card." It's a special way to encourage children to get the most important school supply of all -- the library card. A library card has actually been called the "smartest card a student can own." And once again that magic word comes up: it's free! Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifelong learning.

During the whole month of September children can stop by any of our locations and win a prize just by showing us their library card. There will also be a raffle drawing for a Barnes and Noble gift card. Don't have a library card? Not to worry because you can fill out your application that day and get one. There will also be a special program celebrating Cool Kids with a Family Fun Fest on September 10 at the Merrillville location. Crafts will be offered for kids and parents to create together, as well as games and stories.

Looking for other free stuff? Take a walk further into the library and you will find fliers posted everywhere describing programs and classes that each branch hosts. There are computer classes that cover basic skills, email, internet searching, and how to search for jobs. There is also a class that

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completely covers how to compose and/or improve your resume. And with the economy the way that it is right now, it's crucial to have the best looking resume out there for employers to find easily.

There are also programs that are purely for your free entertainment needs. Each location is packed with programs such as music, knitting, traveling film series, gardening, gaming with the Wii and PlayStation systems, acrylic painting, and of course book discussions.

Take a walk even further into the library and you might find the Friends Book Sale Room that offers adult and children books, music, magazines, and movies for sale. With prices like $.75 for adult books, $.50 for children's books, $.25 for paperbacks, $.25 for magazines, and movies $.50, they are practically free! You can't find prices like that anywhere else along Highway 30, that's for sure. The Book Sale Room is run by volunteers and is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

So why not stop by the library during the month of September and do something that you won't regret the next day. Just tell yourself, "I'm entitled to a free day!"

Can't wait to see you there!

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Reader's AdvisorY

Public Enemies

ASK "Is there an official tree for Lake County?"

Yes, it is the red maple, approved by the Lake County Board of Commissioners from a petition from the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District and a resolution of the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department. The original idea of an official county tree came from the Soil Conservation District, 4-H Conservation Committee, and Scott Hayden from Lowell. It was chosen for its coloration and relative freedom from disease. It is being recommended for Arbor Day plantings.

This tidbit of local information is brought to you by "Fast Facts." To find "Fast Facts," click on the link for the Library Catalog; then click on the tab for "Community Information." Use the drop-down menu to access "Fast Facts" and try your own keyword search.

Databases

Staff Recommends

Plunkett Research Online is LCPL's newest business database. It contains data on 32 major industries. Use it to conduct business & industry research, create marketing plans, analyze emerging technologies, analyze major companies, develop business plans & sales guides, download prospect lists and much more.

The top 500 companies in each industry sector are profiled and information is timely with weekly updates.

NOTE: It also has a ***Job Seeker Resources & Tools Center***. This is not only a great resource for job seekers but for the employer as well.

Call the library or come in today for a demonstration.

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SAMUEL JOHNSON

The Life of Samuel Johnson
by James Boswell (B JOH BOSW)

Johnson on Johnson: A Selection of the Personal and Autobiographical Writings of Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)
by Samuel Johnson (B JOH JOHN)

Samuel Johnson & His World
by Margaret Lane (B JOH LANE)

Defining the World: The Extraordinary Story of Dr. Johnson's Dictionary by Henry Hitchings (423.09 HITC)

Dr. Johnson and James Boswell,
ed. by Harold Bloom (828.609 DOCT)

Samuel Johnson and the Life of Writing
by Paul Fussell (828.609 FUSS)

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Sept. 2, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Sept. 2, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic computer skills. Please register at ext. 346.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Sept. 2 through Oct. 28, Mon. & Wed. 6:30-8:30pm Free English tutorial sessions. Call ext. 309 for further details.

GREAT DECISIONS
Sept. 8 & 22, Tues. at 6:15pm *The Global Food Supply.* If not previously registered, please call 769-3541 ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Sept. 9, Wed. at 2pm Learn about the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

SHIPWRECK TALES OF THE GREAT LAKES
Sept. 9, Wed. at 7pm Authors Chris Kohl and Joan Fosberg of the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago present true and mysterious tales of the Great Lakes. Register at ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Sept. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Discussion of *Not Wanted on the Voyage* by Timothy Findley.

2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB
Sept. 11, Fri. at 9:30am Sponsored by the library and Centier Bank Advantage Club. Call Sharon St. Myers at 755-6140, ext. 1839 for details.

GARDENING
Sept. 15, Tues. at 7pm "Recognizing Hazardous Trees" by Master Gardener Russell Hodge. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Sept. 16, Wed. at 2pm Learn to locate, request, and renew library items. Please register at ext. 346.

WOMEN'S FINANICIAL EMPOWERMENT II: A SEMINAR FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES
Sept. 19, Sat. from 9:30am-Noon Hosted by the Calumet Area Branch of the American Association of University Women. Refreshments will be served. For information and registration, please call ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Sept. 23, Wed. at 2pm Instructor will answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS
Sept. 23, Wed. at 7pm Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat will lead a free class of laughing techniques. Please register at ext. 317.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Sept. 25, Fri. from 10-11:30am Join this free informational and interactive program by registering toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Sept. 25, Fri. from Noon-1:30pm Wesley Matthias will describe "medicines and possible interactions." The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

QUILTING CLASS
Sept. 25, Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 13, 27 Fri. from 1-2:30pm Diane Tipton will teach a nine-week, step-by-step class on how to make a snowman wall hanging quilt. Please register at ext. 317.

PSAT-SAT INFORMATION SESSION
Sept. 29, Tues. at 7pm High school students and parents will learn to prepare for higher scores in this session taught by licensed teacher, Gloria Vela. Please register at ext. 317.

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Dessert with discussion of *Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman* by Elizabeth Buchan.

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BOOK CHAT
Sept. 14, Mon. at 1pm Dessert with discussion of *Blind Switch* by John McEnvoy.

GRIFFITH GAB
Sept. 28, Mon. at 1pm Discuss *The Orchid Thief* by New Yorker magazine writer Susan Orlean.

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KNITTING CLASS
Bring size 7 knitting needles and yarn. Please call the library for dates.

CRAFTING MANIA
Sept. 8 & 9, Tues. & Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will create a new t-shirt from an old one with snip ties or lacing. Bring a t-shirt.

HISTORY VIDEO
Sept. 8, Tues. at 2pm Tour the Eiffel Tower via video. Refreshments.

SNACK & PLAN
Sept. 14, Mon. at 5pm Teens (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs.

LIBRARY BOWLING
Sept. 15, Tues. at 2pm Adults can enjoy bowling using the *Wii* gaming system.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Sept. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Discuss *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything* by Elizabeth Gilbert.

TRAVEL THE WORLD
Sept. 22, Tues. at 2pm Experience France via video. Refreshments.

GAMEFEST
Sept. 23, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will play on *PlayStation* & *Wii*.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Sept. 8, Tues. at 2pm Discuss *Little Heathens* by Mildred Kalish.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Sept. 9, Wed. from 10am-Noon Provided by Calumet Hospice.

HIGHLAND CRIMEWATCH
Sept. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police Dept. will host a crime watch meeting.

CROSSROADS
Sept. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Co-sponsored with First Financial Bank, George Manning will share his 60 year fascination with bees and "unstrained honey" at the Munster Branch. Refreshments. Please call 972-7317 to register.

HISTORY VIDEO: *ROY ROGERS*
Sept. 14, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Refreshments while viewing the *King of Cowboys*.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
Sept. 17, Thurs. at 2pm Discuss *A Promise to Remember* by Kathryn Cushman.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: *NORTH CAROLINA*
Sept. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm A sight-seeing trip through North Carolina.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Sept. 24, Thurs. at 7pm Discuss *Mr. Clarinet* by Nick Stone.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN
Sept. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm View *No Reservations* starring Catherine Zeta-Jones and Aaron Eckhart.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Sept. 9, Wed. from 11am-Noon Provided by Unity Hospice of NWI.

BOOK CHAT
Sept. 15, Tues. at 2pm Discuss Ann Brashares' book *The Last Summer (of You & Me)*.

POPCORN FUN
Sept. 16, Wed. at 6pm Families are invited to make popcorn treats and learn about Orville Redenbacher. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

MORNING BOOK CHAT
Sept. 3, Thurs. at 10:30am Discuss *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Sept. 15, Tues. from 11am-Noon Provided by Miller's Merry Manor.

MAGIC: THE GATHERING COLLECTIBLE CARD GAME
Sept. 26, Sat. at Noon Steve Dawkins will be teaching teens and adults how to play magic: *The Gathering Collectible Card Game.*

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
Sept. 8, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm *Mother of Mine,* for mature audiences; not rated; Finnish and Swedish with English subtitles; running time: 105 minutes.

GARDENING: COMPOSTING
Sept. 9, Wed. at 7pm

Master Gardener Larry Anderson composting presentation.

CROSSROADS
Sept. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Co-sponsored with First Financial Bank, George Manning will share his 60 year fascination with bees and "unstrained honey." Refreshments. Please call 972-7317 to register.

LIFE COACHING STUDIO
Sept. 14, Mon. at 6:30pm Change your life in just 12 minutes with Dr. Myrna Sarowitz.

IMMERSED IN DIALOGUE
Sept. 15, Tues. at 7pm Special in-depth exploration of *Orestei* , which continues on Oct. 20 and Nov. 17.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Sept. 16, Wed. at 7pm Discussion of *Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini with musical highlights.

EXPLORE: GREAT TRAIN STATIONS OF AMERICA
Sept. 17, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Architecture and commentary on landmark train stations.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Sept. 24, Thurs. from 10am- Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Sept. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm Discuss *When Madeline Was Young* by Jane Hamilton.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Sept. 24, Thurs. at 7pm Meaningful discourse of *The Apology* by Plato, a selection from the *First series of Great Books.*

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Sept. 30, Wed. at 7pm Discussion of *Faust* by Charles Gounod with musical highlights.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

KNITTING CLUB
Sept. 5 & 19, Sat. from 9:30-11am Bring yarn & needles.

STAMP CAMP
Sept. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm Make handmade cards and paper craft items. $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Sept. 16, Wed. at 2pm Seniors may participate in bowling or tennis on the *Wii* gaming system.

SPECIAL EVENT: *WAR DOGS OF THE PACIFIC*
Sept. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Documentary video *War Dogs of the Pacific*, with a special appearance by a Marine who served in Guam with his war dog, Big Boy. Please register.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
Sept. 23 or 24, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Discussion of *Always Faithful* by William Putney.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

SIT & KNIT
Sept. 9 & 23, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring knitting, stitching, or crochet.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Sept. 14, Mon. at 10:15am Discussion of *The Hunter* by Margaret.

STAMP CAMP
Sept. 14, Mon. at 6:30pm Make handmade cards and paper craft items. $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
Sept. 15, Tues. at 1:30pm One-hour video biography on bicyclist Lance Armstrong. Please register.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Sept. 23, Wed. at 2pm Seniors may participate in bowling or tennis on the *Wii* gaming system.

MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN
Sept. 24, Thurs. at 2pm Louise Thompson of the Alzheimers' Association will explain managing the risk factors and maintaining optimal brain functions. Please register.

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Summer Winners!

Congrats to our Adult Summer Reading Grand Prize Winners:

Elizabeth Mihail, Jodie Sudroff, and Diane Hosfeld

2,755 adults participated in our Summer Reading Program as well as 7,124 Young Adults.

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer!

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are selling two kinds of coupon books to raise funds to support programming at all Lake County Public Library sites.

Available are the *2010 Entertainment Coupon Books* for $20 and the *2010 Golden Opportunities Coupon Books* for $25. Both books are on display at all locations. Funds generated by this sale help the *Friends* to provide programs, books, and music that are not normally available through public funding (taxes) and enables the library system to offer more to its patrons.

ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE: The *Friends* of the Library are hosting their annual Fall Book Sale. The event is open to everyone on Fri. Oct. 2nd from 1 to 4pm and Sat., Oct. 3rd from 9:30am to 4pm. *Friends* members and those who want to join may do so at the pre-sale for members only on Thurs., Oct. 1st from 1 to 4pm.

Items available at incredible bargain prices include books (hard cover, paperbacks, children's), videos, magazines, puzzles, cd's, vinyl records, and dvd's. Proceeds from the sale provide special programming free to all library patrons.

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Children's Programing

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Central Library www.lcplin.org
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

***COOL KIDS* FAMILY FUN FEST**
Sept. 10, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, along with their parents, will participate in stories, crafts, face painting, and more. There will be something fun for everyone. Bring a book from home to exchange for a new book. Up to five books can be exchanged.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Sept. 21/22, through Oct. 26/27, Mon. at 10am or 1pm or 7pm, or Tues. at 10am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will listen to engaging stories, rhymes, songs, and finger plays, play games, and make a craft. Please register.

THE MYSTERIOUS MEETING
Sept. 24, Thurs. at 4pm Whodunnit? Can the mystery be solved? School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will gather at this mysterious meeting to hear excerpts from baffling mysteries, play mysterious games, and make a mysterious craft. Please register.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

KEEP COOL
Sept. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make special snowmen in this *Cool Kids* program. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this six week story hour with a different theme each week. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

***COOL KIDS* BOOK BAG**
Sept. 8, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will celebrate *Cool Kids Have a Library Card* month by making a book bag. We will also play games and hear some stories. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Sept. 24 through Oct. 29, Thurs. at 4pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this six week story hour with games and crafts. Please register.

AUTUMN NATURE CLUB
Sept. 29, Tues. at 4pm School age kids, kindergarten and up, will have fun while learning about our environment. We will talk about energy, make an autumn craft, and have a harvest snack. Please register.

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Griffith Branch

www.lcplin.org/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

TANGRAMS

Sept. 9, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will cut out a set of tan-grams and learn how to use them to make animal shapes and other puzzles. Please register.

KID'S COOK BREAKFAST

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, Thurs. at 3:30pm Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. School age children, kindergarten and up, will learn how to poach eggs, make waffles, and more. Classes will run for four weeks and there is an $8 charge for the series. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Sept. 14, 21, 28, & Oct. 5, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver are invited to this lap-sit program using the rhymes and rhythms of Mother Goose. Please register.

***COOL KIDS* HAVE LIBRARY CARDS**

Sept. 14, Mon. at 3:30pm Children from 2 to 12 years of age will enjoy the story *Wild About Books* and make a wild animal pencil hugger. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 18 through Oct. 27, Fridays at 10:30am or Tuesdays at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy an hour with books, music, games, and finger play. The sessions run for six weeks. Please register.

SATURDAY MORNING WITH CHARLOTTE

Sept. 19, Sat. at 10:30am Children from 4 to 10 years of age will hear a chapter from *Charlotte's Web* and make a spider craft. Please register.

SUPER TOT

Sept. 23, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will share a book about dinosaurs. Then it's time to make and eat a scrumptious Segosaurus. Please register.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH BOOKS

Sept. 25, Fri. at 4pm Children in grades 4 through 8 will discuss journals and diaries. They may read any fiction or non-fiction journal or diary from our September book display and share what they read. Books go on display September 1st

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

COOL TREASURE HUNTS @ THE LIBRARY

Sept. 1-30 Celebrate *National Library Card Sign Up* month all month long! All ages may go on a treasure hunt throughout the library to the special prize at the end of the hunt and learn all about the library. Children who show their library card, or who sign up for a new one, will win a prize, too. Enjoy a new hunt every week.

CRAFTING MANIA: T-SHIRT RECONSTRUCTION

Sept. 8 & 9, Tues. & Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will create a new t-shirt from an old one with snip ties or lacing. Bring a t-shirt. All other materials & refreshments will be provided.

TODDLER TIME

Sept. 10 & 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more!

COOL FUN: CELEBRATING LIBRARY CARDS & ICE CREAM

Sept. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children of all ages who show their library card (or sign up for one) will win a prize in celebration of *Library Card Sign Up* month. They will make and eat ice cream to celebrate the anniversary of the ice cream cone, and enjoy other fun activities as well.

SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 14, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

GAME DAY

Sept. 17, Thurs. at 4:30pm Children in grade 3 and older will learn and play a variety of games, including chess, spoons, and Uno. There will be games on *PlayStation* & *Wii*, too!

GAME NIGHT: CELEBRATING *LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP* MONTH – PLAYING @ THE LIBRARY

Sept. 21, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages (pre-school age must be accompanied by an adult) will play a variety of games, including some on the *PlayStation 2* & *Wii* gaming systems. They will make games to take home, and participate in a variety of activities as they explore games that are old and new.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, films, and more during this six-week session. Please register.

GAMEFEST

Sept. 23, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and pop provided. Join the fun!

FIESTA!

Sept. 24, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will celebrate *Hispanic Heritage* month with stories, food, crafts, and a piñata. Children who register for a library card or show they have one will win a prize!

***COOL KIDS* COMMUNITY FUN**

Sept. 30, Wed. from 3:30-6pm The Lion's Club, PATH (Parents As Teachers, Hanover), and the library will offer vision and hearing screenings to pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds). Children of all ages will enjoy fun crafts and more. Show your library card and win a prize!

Highland Branch

www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

***COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD*- OPEN HOUSE**

Sept. 10, Thurs. from 3 to 4:30pm Highland children of all ages (6 and under accompanied by an adult) will celebrate *Cool Kids Have a Library Card* month with games, stories, and refreshments. Children must show their library card to be admitted to the program. No card? Stop at the circulation desk with a parent anytime prior to the program day. Registration is not required.

ALL ABOARD FOR PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR!

Sept. 23, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Fall Pre-School Story Hour begins with trains. Children, ages 3 to 5, will chug-chug along while listening to train stories, songs, and make a train inspired craft.
Please register.

STINKY CLOTHES FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Sept. 30, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear funny stories about wash day, sing active songs, and make a wash day craft. Please register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcplin.org/hobart.htm

00 N. Main St., 942-2243

***COOL KIDS* CELEBRATION!**

Sept. 3, Thurs. at 4:30pm September is *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* month. Children of all ages (and their families)

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are invited to celebrate being a cool kid with a library card. Children will hear a couple of new children's books and make creative book covers and bookmarks. We will have a *Cool Kids* celebration with cake and juice. Please register.

TODDLER STORY TIME
Sept. 10 & 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver will hear stories, songs, create finger plays, and make a simple craft in this ½ hour program. Please register.

PRE-TEENS: YARN ART
Sept. 16, Wed. at 4:30pm Pre-teens, 9 to 14 year olds, will make bowls and pictures with yarn. This art form comes from Northwest Mexico. Please register.

POPCORN FUN
Sept. 16, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to make popcorn treats and learn about Orville Redenbacher. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm In this hour long program, pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear and participate in fall stories, songs, and finger plays. They will make fall crafts, and enjoy a Halloween Party in the last session, when they can wear their costumes to parade through the library! Please register.

SCHOOL AGE: CRAYON RESIST
Sept. 24, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear a fall story and make crayon resist pictures. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD
Sept. 9, Wed. at 6pm School age children, 6 years of age and older, will create a bookmark, because "cool kids have a library card and use a book mark." Please register.

TIP TOP TWO's
Sept. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

TWEEN TIME
Sept. 16, Wed. at 6pm Calling all tweens (10 to 12 year olds): there is a new program in the library designed for your age group. In the first meeting you will craft an anklet (ankle bracelet) and discuss future projects. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Sept. 22/23 through Oct. 27/28, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to participate in a series of story hours that include stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lcplin.org/munster.htm
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
Sept. 9 & 23, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

READING BUDDIES
Sept. 11 & 25, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Adult Day Center, this **off-site** story time provides a chance for

kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the second and fourth Fridays of the month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Sept. 14 & 21, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: Safety First and Autumn Antics. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

UP, UP & AWAY

Sept. 16, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, are invited to try their hand at flying...paper airplanes, of course! This program includes stories, games, a craft, and other activities.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's & 6's

Sept. 22 & 29, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 4, 5, & 6 (not yet in kindergarten) are invited to story times with themes this month: Safety First and Autumn Antics. All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

TWEEN CRAFTING

Sept. 24, Thurs. at 6pm Tweens (11 to 13 year olds) are invited to make cool art projects that require time and unusual materials for beaded bracelets and key chains. Please register to insure enough materials for all.

INDIANA BALLET THEATRE

Sept. 29, Tues. at 5pm Join our special event in honor of *National Library Card Sign-up Month*. The Indiana Ballet Theatre Company will demonstrate their skills and talents. Children will have a chance to see a ballerina in the making and check out materials on dance and theatre. All ages are welcome, but children age 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please call to register.

AUTUMN ANTICS

Sept. 30, Wed. at 4pm School age children, 1st grade and older, are invited to an indoor leaf blowing contest. This program includes stories, games, a craft, and other fall activities.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

LAKESHORE KIDS READY TO LEARN

Sept. 3, Thurs. at 6:30pm Christina Neumann from Lakeshore Television will present a workshop for parents and young children, Pre-schoolers to 2nd graders, which will focus on reading at home, choosing smart television programs, and simple activities that can be done together to encourage early learning. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 8/9, 15/16, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm, or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to participate in stories, activities, songs, crafts, and movies. Please register.

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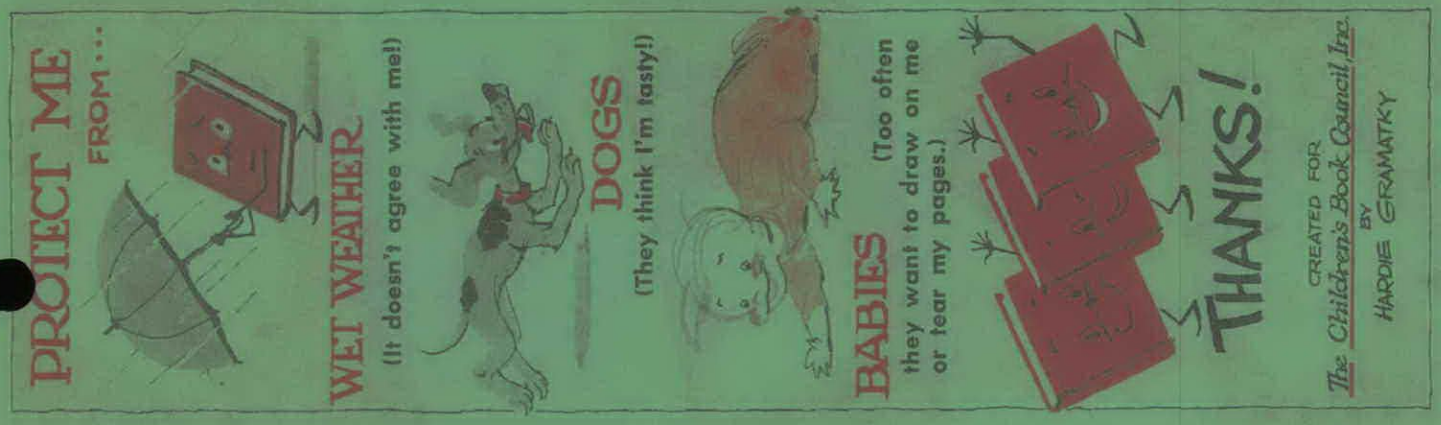


BUBBLES FOR *COOI KIDS*

Sept. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm To celebrate *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* month children of all ages will be entertained by Bubble-ologist Keith Evans as he creates all kinds of bubbles! Please register.

MAKING MEMORIES FAMILY PROGRAM

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, Thurs. from 6-8pm This is a free five-week program sponsored by the South Shore Arts for families with children in 3rd grade or older. Each week a meal is provided and a different form of art is highlighted from poetry, music, book illustration, and drama. Each week there will be a special presenter and each family will receive a free book. A memory book will be created by participants. Registration is required.

YOUNG READERS

Sept. 10, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, will discuss and review science fiction books that they have read. Young Readers can earn volunteer hours for some library projects. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Sept. 22 or 23, Tues. at 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. Please register.

CHESS KNIGHT

Sept. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) are invited to play chess while developing new strategies and improving their skills on the 4th Monday of each month. Bring a friend and join the group! Please register.

St. John Branch www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

***COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD* & FUN**

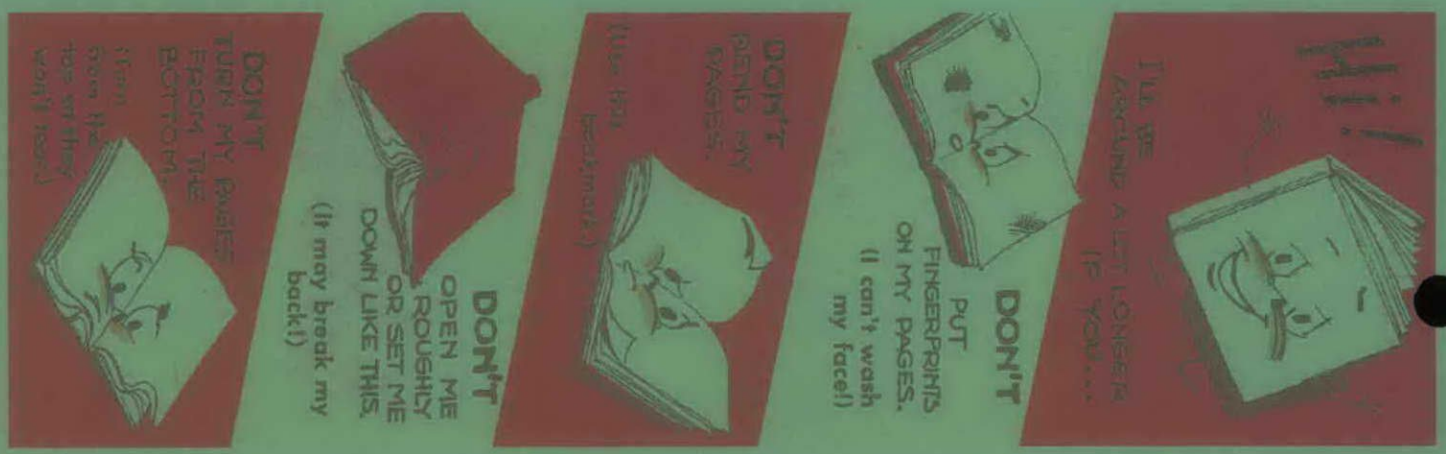
Sept. 16, Wed. at 6pm Children in grades 1 and up will enjoy a game of Bingo with an environmental twist. Game host Kristin Enderlee, will be arriving at the library in the Environmobile with bags of prizes for those who BINGO! Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOURS

Sept. 22 through Oct. 28, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, and crafts during this six week series. Please for either the Tuesday morning or Wednesday afternoon sessions.

Hardie Gramatky, the famous illustrator of the classic Little Toot series of children's books, created this Care for Books bookmark. Even though it has been out of print since 2004, it is one of the most requested place-savers of all time!

The Lake County Public Library, with the permission of the Gramatky family, is pleased to reprint the Care for Books bookmark for use by children. Be sure to cut on the dotted line!



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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the
Life and Times of CHARLES DARWIN

October 1 marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of The Origin of Species, which set forth Charles Darwin's revolutionary theory that all forms of life developed over millions of years through the process of natural selection, rather than suddenly by individual acts of divine intervention. Darwin was not the first to tender this theory; among others, his own grandfather, Erasmus Darwin, had proposed a theory of evolution in the 1790's. However, the younger Darwin's five-year expedition aboard the H.M.S. Beagle, during which he was able to observe, collect, and study plant and animal specimens from all over the world, and the 20 years of further study and experimentation following the voyage, gave him a breadth and depth of practical as well as theoretical knowledge which previous treatises on the subject could not equal. He spent the remainder of his life expanding on various topics raised in Origin, his later works consisting of detailed expositions of these subjects. Darwin was born in Shrewsbury, England, in 1809; he died in Kent in 1882. Few people have had his influence on both scientific and religious thought; few have raised such a level of enduring controversy.

A display of materials on the life and times of Charles Darwin will be found on the Upper Level during the month of October.

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Carolyn Strickland
Head of Reference Services

The Internet or Library Databases?

No doubt about it, the Internet has changed the way we search for information. How many of you log onto the Internet to book airline tickets, to find out what's playing at your local theaters, or to print a map before you visit someplace new?

The Internet is a huge international highway containing a collection of networks linking millions of computers worldwide. But there is no central index to information on the Internet. Anyone can create or post a Web site – the Internet is not monitored. There is no editor checking spelling, accuracy, or reliability of information. Some sites are credible; some are not. Tired of retrieving inappropriate sites and unwanted ads and pop-ups?

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"...http://www.lcplin.org/research/refdesk64.htm"

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If you are interested in searching family history, try our premier genealogy databases: *Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest Online*, and *ProQuest Obituaries*. Our Indiana Genealogy Librarian offers training on these databases as well as searching tips by special appointments.

Do you want to start a business or expand an existing one? Use *Reference USA* to market your business with targeted mailings. Investigate industry data with

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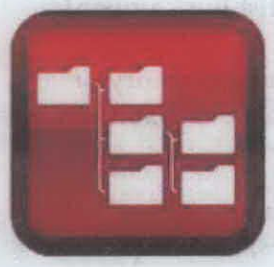
First Research and *Plunkett Research Online*. Going global? Check out the *D & B Million Dollar Database* – patrons have access to over 23 million company records worldwide!

Investors now have online access to these well known and reputable sources: *Standard &Poor's NetAdvantage, Morningstar Investment Research Center*, and *Value Line Research Center*. If you need assistance navigating these databases, contact our business librarian to schedule a training session.



We haven't forgotten students. Need homework help? Try *Encyclopedia Britannica Online, eLibrary Science, Grolier's Online, U.S. & World History Resource Center*, and *Literature Resource Center*. These are just a few of the library's databases that will help with projects, reports and term papers. And students of all ages are encouraged to log onto Learning Express, a comprehensive collection of practice tests, exercises, and skill-building courses.

The Lake County Public Library subscribes to over fifty authoritative electronic databases for people who need and want accurate information. Call or visit any of the Lake County Public Library's locations to find out how to get access to subscription databases and information resources.

If you prefer to contact the library online, use the email Ask a Librarian link: http://www.lcplin.org/research/refdesk64.htm, or chat with a librarian from 2 pm – 6 pm daily.

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Reader's AdvisorY

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"How can one repair water-damaged books?"

Put blotting paper between each pair of pages and weight down, changing every half hour until pages are dry. Or stand the book up and prop it open, then use a hair dryer. Use an electric heater carefully. Keep books in a place where they can get a cool breeze and chances of mildew are lessened. (*Cleaning & Repairing Books: A Practical Home Manual* by R. L. Shep, pp. 73-74)

Books

Staff Recommends

***Coraline* by Neil Gaiman**

"A creepy tale set in a spooky three-story house surrounded by gardens and woods. Coraline loves to explore, and one day she discovers a door in her house that has been closed off with bricks. She finds the key to the door and wanders through a dark tunnel that leads to another world – a world inhabited by her 'other mother and other father.' The other mother and other father have gleaming black button eyes, and they try to persuade Coraline to let them sew new button eyes on her. Of course she declines, but Coraline and her real parents become trapped in the other world and she must face a living nightmare to save herself and her family. This tale is not for the faint of heart!" BG/Cedar Lake

***Day of the Dandelion* by Peter Pringle**

"Arthur Hemmings, a botanist detective with a dash of James Bond, pursues a multinational with theft and murder among their plans." MM/Reference

***Poverty, Chastity, and Change: Lives of Contemporary American Nuns* by Carole Garibaldi Rogers**

"By the time Rogers compiled these interviews with American women religious, the lifestyle of nuns in this country had changed dramatically since the 1960s. Congregations have modified or discarded habits, allowed members to live in small groups and even alone in housing scattered across the country, and even redefined their vows. Rogers interviewed over 90 women, most of them still members of religious congregations, who lived through the changes and were still confident that a dedicated religious life has meaning in the world." SA/Systems

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CHARLES DARWIN

Fossils, Finches, and Fuegians: Darwin's Adventures and Discoveries on the Beagle by Richard Keynes (508 KEYN)

Darwin and His Critics: The Reception of Darwin's Theory of Evolution by the Scientific Community by David L. Hull (573.2 HULL)

One Long Argument: Charles Darwin and the Genesis of Modern Evolutionary Thought by Ernst Mayr (575 MAYR)

Darwin's Origin of Species: A Biography by E. J. Browne (576.83092 BROW)

Charles Darwin: The Concise Story of an Extraordinary Man by Tim M. Berra (B DAR BERR)

Darwin by Adrian Desmond and James Moore (B DAR DESM)

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1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org

COMPUTER CLASS: FIND A JOB
Sept. 30, Wed. at 6pm Find jobs at IndianaCareerConnect.com. Please register at ext. 346.

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
Oct. 1-31 To join the online discussion of *The Ride of Our Lives*, send an email to remarks@lcplin.org. Visit http://www.lcplin.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm.

ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE
Oct. 1, 2, & 3 Incredible bargains, including reading & audio-visual materials. Call ext. 317 for details.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Oct. 5 through Oct. 28, Mon. & Wed. 6:30-8:30pm English Language free tutorial sessions. Call ext. 309 for details.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Oct. 7, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Oct. 7, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

ARTHRITIS INFORMATION
Oct. 8, Thurs. from 9:30-11:45am Arthritis Foundation informational session with boxed lunch. Register at (800) 735-0096.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Oct. 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm *The Ride of Our Lives* by Mike Leonard. Please register at ext. 340.

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BRUNCH
Oct. 11, Sun. from 10:30am -1pm Celebrate the library's 50th anniversary at the "Literacy Without Limits" Brunch at the Innsbrook Country Club. For details and/or tickets, please call ext. 315.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING
Oct. 13, Tues. at 1pm Adults invited to the bi-monthly Friends of the Library board meeting For further information, call ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS
Oct. 13 & 27, Tues. at 6:15pm Topic: Cuba After Castro. Call ext. 339 for details.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Oct. 14, Wed. at 2pm Learn to search the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL
Oct. 14, Wed. at 6pm Learn e-mail basics and get a free email address. Please register at ext. 346.

GARDENING
Oct. 20, Tues. at 7pm "Growing Herbs" by Master Gardener Ella Gilbertson. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Oct. 21, Wed. at 2pm Learn to use the online library catalog. Please register at ext. 346.

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASS
Oct. 21, Wed. at 7pm Peter Gregory explains the methods of T'ai Chi Chih. Please register at ext. 317.

PARANORMAL SCIENCES
Oct. 22, Thurs. at 7pm American Ghost Society will tell some hair-raising stories. Please register at 317.

INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Oct. 23, Fri. from 10-11:30am Informational/interactive session on progressive dementias. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Oct. 23, Fri. from Noon-1:30pm The NWI Community Action and Long Term Care Insurance to be discussed. Take basic class prior to this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY
Oct. 24, Sat., 9:30am-12:30pm Beginning Genealogy with the NWI Genealogical Society to help find your ancestors. Please register at ext. 334.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Oct. 28, Wed. at 2pm Instructor available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

LAUGHTER YOGA CLASS
Oct. 28, Wed. at 7pm Certified Instructor Tanaz Bamboat will lead a free class of laughing techniques. Please register at ext. 317.

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Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

BOOK BUDDIES
Oct. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Dessert and an informal discussion of *The Walking Drum* by Louis L'Amour.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN
Oct. 29, Thurs. at 4pm Families invited to a Halloween party! Costumes are welcome.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/griffith.htm

BOOK CHAT
Oct. 12, Mon. at 1pm Chocolate dessert and an informal discussion of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.

GRIFFITH GAB
Oct. 26, Mon. at 1pm Discussion of *The Ride of Our Lives* by Mike Leonard.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

KNITTING CLASS
October All level knitters-bring size 7 knitting needles and yarn. Please call the library for dates this month.

SNACK & PLAN
Oct. 1, Thurs. at 5pm Teens eat, play games, and plan programs.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Oct. 7 or 21, Wed. at 1pm Learn the basics of using the computer.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
Oct. 7, Wed. at 2pm or 6:30pm, Oct. 21 at 2pm Beginning level computer.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Oct. 12, Mon. at 1pm or 6:30pm Learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: US HISTORIC SITES
Oct. 13, Tues. at 2pm Journey to some of the most vital cultural symbols in the US.

SENSATIONAL 60's!
Oct. 14, Wed. at 3pm Teens enjoy hilarious theater presentation from the Books to Bridge the Region teen selection: The *Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963*.

COMPUTER CLASS: E-MAIL BASICS
Oct. 19, Mon. at 1pm or 6:30pm Learn the basics of using e-mail with a free account.

LIBRARY BOWLING
Oct. 20, Tues. at 2pm Bowl at the library using the *Wii* gaming system.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Oct. 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Ride of Our Lives* by Mike Leonard.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME
Oct. 22, Thurs. at 2pm Viewers enjoy the drive from Maine to Key West.

GAMEFEST
Oct. 28, Wed. at 3pm Teens play a wide variety of *PlayStation* and *Wii* games.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO
Oct. 5, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm The private life of Humphrey Bogart.

CROSSROADS
Oct. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Times Columnist Philip Potempa discusses his newly released cookbook. Please call 972-7317 to register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Oct. 13, Tues. at 2pm Discuss *The Ride of Our Lives* by NBC News Correspondent Mike Leonard.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Oct. 14, Wed. from 10am-Noon Provided by Calumet Hospice.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
Oct. 15, Thurs. at 2pm Discussion of *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Denver Moore.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS-MISSISSIPPI
Oct. 19, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Travel through historic Mississippi.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Oct. 22, Thurs. at 7pm Discussion of *Big City, Bad Blood* by Sean Chercover.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN
Oct. 26, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Key Largo* stars Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson, and Lauren Bacall.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION: *THE RIDE OF OUR LIVES*
Oct. 1-31 Adults and teens are encouraged to submit family vacation stories for publication in our branch blog. Visit: www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com for more information.

FALL FUN FEST
Oct. 14, Wed. at 6pm Autumn fun for the whole family! Please register.

BOOK CHAT
Oct. 20, Tues. at 2pm *Honeymoon With My Brother* by Franz Wisner.

***Wii* FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS**
Oct. 21, Wed. from 10am-Noon Learn to play *Wii* games!

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION: *THE RIDE OF OUR LIVES*
Oct. 1-31 Adults and teens are encouraged to submit family vacation stories for publication in our branch blog. Visit: www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Oct. 1, Thurs. at 10:30am Discussion of *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende.

DRIVER SAFETY
Oct. 8 & 9, Thurs. & Fri. 10:30am-3pm AARP Driver Safety Program - refresher course for the mature driver in a two-day session. $10 fee due at the time of class. Registration required.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Oct. 20, Tues. from 11am-

Noon Provided by United Hospice of Northwest Indiana.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: ALZHEIMER EDUCATION PART I
Oct. 5, Mon. at 6pm Part 1 of 4: Know the Ten Warning Signs. Please register at 1-800-272-3900.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: ALZHEIMER EDUCATION PART II
Oct. 12, Mon. at 6pm Part 2 of 4: Making Life Decisions. Please register at 1-800-272-3900.

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES: *AGATA & THE STORM*
Oct. 13, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm *Agata and the Storm*, for mature audiences; not rated; Italian with English subtitles; 118 minutes running time.

EXPLORE: THE PALACE ON WHEELS & RAJPUTANA
Oct. 15, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm The train of the maharajas, known as the palace on wheels, travels through North India.

IMMERSED IN DIALOGUE
Oct. 20, Tues. at 7pm In-depth exploration of *Oresteia* by Aeschylus.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Oct. 21, Wed. at 7pm Discussion of *Ernani* by Giuseppe Verdi -musical highlights accompany the presentation.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Oct. 22, Thurs. from 10am -Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Oct. 22, Thurs. at 1:30pm Discussion of *The Ride of Our Lives* by NBC Today correspondent Mike Leonard.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: ALZHEIMER EDUCATION PART III
Oct. 26, Mon. at 6pm Part 3 of 4 part series: Becoming an Expert Caregiver. Please register at 1-800-272-3900.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Oct. 29, Thurs. at 7pm A discourse on *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad from the *First Series of Great Books*.

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Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
Oct. 5, Mon. at 1pm *The Way I Spent The End of The World*; for mature audiences; not rated by the MPAA; adults only; Romanian film with English subtitles. run time 106 minutes.

RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE
Oct. 7, Wed. from 10:30am-12:30pm Experienced Genealogy Librarian, Bob Mele provides tips.

KNOW THE 10 SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
Oct. 12, Mon. 6pm Program provides a comparison of age-related memory loss vs Alzheimer's disease.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Oct. 14, Wed. at 2pm Learn and play *Wii*, the popular new electronic game.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
Oct. 21, Wed. at 7pm Visit the land of 10,000 lakes, the Mall of America and what Minnesota has to offer.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
Oct. 28 or 29, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Discussion of Mike Leonard's *The Ride of Our Lives*.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

STAMP CAMP
Oct. 5, Mon. at 6:30pm Create handmade projects using rubber stamps. $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

SIT & KNIT
Oct. 7 & 21, Wed. from 6-8pm Bring knitting, stitching, or crochet. All levels welcome.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Oct. 13, Tues. at 10:15am Discussion of *Dead Until Dark* by Charlaine Harris.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Oct. 15, Thurs. at 1pm Beginning users of the computer. Registration required.

LOVELY LIVING SPACES
Oct. 19, Mon. from 6:45-8pm Cathi Lloyd, certified interior decorator from Interiors by Decorating Den will provide steps to redesign living rooms.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
Oct. 20, Tues. at 1:30pm Biography of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc. Please register.

***Wii* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Oct. 21, Wed. at 2pm Learn and play *Wii*, the popular new electronic game.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
Oct. 22, Thurs. at 1pm Learn computer terminology and about Windows. Registration required.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Oct. 27, Tues. at 1pm Learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Registration required.

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BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION
Connecting Communities through Reading

The Books to Bridge the Region 2009 project is a community reading event that encompasses seven (7) NWI counties: Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke. It encourages all area residents to read selected books on a specific theme in October. This year's initiative is "Family Matters."

Selections are provided for 3 levels of comprehension: For Adults it's *The Ride of Our Lives* by Mike Leonard, an NBC Today news correspondent, who chronicles his cross-country vacation in two mammoth RVs with his eccentric parents, three grown children, and a daughter-in-law. Filled with humor, the month-long journey becomes a much larger tale of hope, persistence, and valuable lessons learned along the way. The narrative is a celebration of the ties between parents and children, as well as the unforgettable community of people one can meet across America.

The Teen selection: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis is full of ribald humor, sly siblings, and a totally believable 4th grade youngster's view of the world in 1963. Kenny Watson's narrative centers on his strange family. His older brother has become a gang member in inner city Flint, Michigan. His sister overdresses, so as not to freeze solid during the cold winter. His parents decide to return to his maternal grandmother's home in Birmingham for a different way of life, packing with the realization that they cannot count on food or housing availability on the road once they cross into the South. The story goes from fun and funky to a description of racial injustice and the strength of family ties.

Children will thoroughly enjoy *A Day With Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce. While each family is a little bit odd in its own way, none compare to Wilbur's. There's a time machine that brings lots of incredible activity to the household and the illustration's are superb! The story is simple yet exciting with a giant octopus, dinosaurs at poolside, locomotives steaming through the hallway, and an uncle shot from a cannon!

The *Happenings* and *Happenings Jr.* list book discussions, films, and other events directly linked to the Books to Bridge the Region theme, and we hope everyone will participate in these delightful stories.

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Children's Programing

October 2009

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FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES
Oct. 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27, Mon. at 10am, 1pm, or 7pm or Tues. at 10am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will listen to engaging stories, rhymes, and songs. They will also have fun with finger plays, games, and a craft. Please register at ext. 360.

MAKING MEMORIES
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, Mon. from 6-8pm The South Shore Arts Council is offering a free family enrichment program that incorporates music, drama, arts and crafts. Included also is a free book each week and box lunch for all participants. Families of children in 3rd grade and up must attend all five sessions. Please register at ext. 360.

THE WILD THINGS ARE COMING!
Oct. 8, Thus. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will join Max and his friends, hear stories about monsters and other creatures that go bump in the night (or day), play games, and make a craft. Please register at ext. 360.

A DAY WITH WILBUR ROBINSON
Oct. 22, Thurs. at 4pm Children in kindergarten through 3rd grade will spend a fun afternoon getting to know Wilbur Robinson, the main character from the popular children's book and movie. They will play games, make a craft, and view portions of the movie: *Meet the Robinsons* which is based on the Books to Bridge the Region children's selection: *A Day With Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce. Please register at ext. 360.

FAMILY FRIGHT FEST
Oct. 29, Thurs. at 4pm The entire family is invited to have Halloween fun at the library! Participants (who DARE to register) will hear scary stories, make a creepy craft, and have a monstrous good time!

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the remaining four weeks of story hour with a different theme each week. Please register.

YUMMY MUMMIES
Oct. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make a mummy treat-holder in this slightly scary program. Please register.

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION
Oct. 17, Sat. at 2:30pm Children of all ages are invited to share some time with the Robinson family as we view the movie *Meet the Robinsons*. This film is based on the 2009 Books to Bridge the Region children's selection *A Day With Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce.

Forty-First Avenue Branch
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm
4191 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES
Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Thurs. at 4pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the final four weeks of story hour with games and crafts. Please register.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN
Oct. 29, Thurs. at 4pm The whole family is invited to a Halloween party! Costumes are welcome.

Griffith Branch
www.lcplin.org/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, Fridays at 10:30am or Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Tuesdays at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the final four weeks of story hour with books, music, games, and finger play. Please register.

FACE PAINTING
Oct. 5, Mon. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will learn how to make face paint.

CANDY SKULLS
Oct. 14, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will make a sugar molded skull and decorate it.

SATURDAY MORNING MOVIES
Oct. 17, Sat. at 10:30am Children of all ages are welcome to watch the *Legend of Sleepy Hallow* and some *Casper* shorts for a morning of spooky fun.

MONSTERS ALL
Oct. 19, Mon. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will make a spooky looking window clinging monster to take home.

CAN MONSTER'S PLAY GUITARS?
Oct. 22, Thurs. from 6-8pm Kids in grades 4 to 8 can dress for Halloween and come in for an evening of *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution*.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH BOOKS
Oct. 23, Fri. at 4pm School age kids, grades 4 and up, can pick a book from our display of Vampire lore and join our informal afternoon discussion group.

SUPER TOT HALLOWEEN
Oct. 26, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, may wear costumes and celebrate Halloween with stories and a craft. Then its time to "trick-or-treat" in the library. Please bring 20 pre-wrapped treats for the children and pre-register.

PUMPKIN HEADS
Oct. 27, Tues. at 6pm Kids in grades 5 to 8 can come to the library to design a jack-o-lantern face, silly or scary, watch the oh-so-scary *Legend of Sleepy Hallow* and hear the tale of *Feather Top*.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm
10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

MY FUN FAMILY
Oct. 1-31 Children may create pictures of their families for display in the library or to take home. A variety of materials will be on hand. Make a family tree, also. This year's *Books to Bridge the Region* selections concentrate on families. Enjoy the celebration of region-wide reading.

BOOKS & BABIES
Oct. 1, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, infant to 23 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities, and rhymes.

SNACK & PLAN
Oct. 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES
Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, films, and more during the final four weeks of the Fall story hour sessions. Please register.

TODDLER TIME
Oct. 8 & 22, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more.

CRAZY CONTRAPTIONS
Oct. 8, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will create inventions or contraptions from a variety of materials, just like in the book *A Day with Wilbur Robinson*, the Books to Bridge the Region selection this year for kids by William Joyce. Hear other stories about crazy and fun inventions, along with music and games.

SENSATIONAL 60's!
Oct. 14, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 and older, will step back in time with crafts, music, games, food, and more – all from the 1960s. Dress the part and enjoy a hilarious Reader's Theater presentation from the teen Books to Bridge the Region selection: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963.*

PLAYFEST
Oct. 15, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, grade 3 and older, will learn and play a variety of games including chess, spoons, and Uno. Play games on the *PlayStation* and *Wii*, too. Online play will also be available.

IT'S ALWAYS FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY FESTIVAL
Oct. 17, Sat. from 1-3pm In celebration of Teen Read Week, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will host a library festival for all ages. Face painting, cake walks, karaoke, pie throwing, pumpkin bowling, library golf, and a variety of other games and crafts are among the many activities.

READ BEYOND REALITY: CELEBRATING TEEN READ WEEK
Oct. 19 to 24 Teens, 11 years of age and up, can check out a book from a special teen display. If your book is one of the selected winners, you may pick a prize. Submit titles for your favorite science fiction or fantasy books and win a prize too.

POPCORN POPPIN' EVERYWHERE
Oct. 22, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will celebrate National Popcorn Month with lots of poppin' activities. Make different kinds of popcorn to snack on, play games with popcorn, and create works of popcorn art.

STAMPIN'UP! *BUILD-A-BEAR* PAPER CRAFTING CLASS
Oct. 24, Sat. from 1-2:30pm Join Stampin'Up! demonstrator Jane Butkus and make 2 adorable paper crafting projects using exclusive *Build-a-Bear* rubber stamps and die cuts. Space is limited, so be sure to register early. There is a $5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class.

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN FUN
Oct. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will listen to and participate in some slightly spooky stories and activities. They will make a mask and other fun things for the big night. Participants may come in costume.

GAMEFEST
Oct. 28, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* and *Wii* games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and pop provided. Join the fun.

Highland Branch www.lcplin.org/highland.htm
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

FAMILY STORY HOUR CIRCUS
Oct. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Stories from the *Greatest Show on Earth* featuring dancing bears, trapeze artists, and jugglers will be presented for pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, and their families' listening enjoyment. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CIRCUS
Oct. 7, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Stories from the *Greatest Show on Earth* featuring dancing bears, trapeze artists, and jugglers will be presented for pre-school age children's (3 to 5 year olds) listening enjoyment. Please register.

TODDLERS LIFT-THE-FLAP
Oct. 13, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy lift-the-flap stories, active songs, and a simple lift-the-flap craft. Please register.

FAMILY STORY HOUR – STUFFED PET PARADE
Oct. 13, Tues. at 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, along with their families, may bring their favorite stuffed toy to listen to stories, sing songs, and join our stuffed pet parade. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR – STUFFED PET PARADE
Oct. 14, Wed. 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, can bring their favorite stuffed toy to listen to stories, sing songs, and join the stuffed pet parade. Please register.

TODDLER PIGGY TALES
Oct. 20, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy stories about pigs, active songs, and a very simple piggy craft. Please register.

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FAMILY STORY HOUR – WHOO-WHOO
Oct. 20, Tues. at 6:30pm Owls will hoot their way through stories, songs, and finger plays for pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds and their families. A simple owl craft will follow. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR – WHOO-WHOO
Oct. 21, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Owls will hoot their way through stories, songs, and finger plays for pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds. A simple owl craft will follow.

COSTUME PARTY FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS
Oct. 23, Fri. from 3:30-5pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, may wear costumes to play games, enjoy refreshments, and have fun! Please register by Oct. 21.

TODDLERS SAY BOO!
Oct. 27, Tues. at 10:30am Fun, non-scary Halloween stories will be featured during this lap-sit story time for toddlers, 2 to 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver. Please register.

FAMILY STORY HOUR BOO!
Oct. 27, Tues. at 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, and their families may wear costumes to listen to fun Halloween stories. Parents may bring treats for their children to share afterward at the party. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR BOO!
Oct. 28, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 6 year olds, may wear costumes to listen to fun Halloween stories. Parents may bring treats for their children to share afterward at the party.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
www.lcplin.org/hobart.htm
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm In this hour long program, pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear and participate in fall stories, songs, and finger plays. They will also make a Fall craft. On the 27th the children are invited to wear a costume and to parade around the library. Please register.

TODDLER STORY TIME
Oct. 8 & 29, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, songs, participate in finger plays, and make a simple craft in this half-hour program. Toddlers can wear Halloween costumes and parade through the library at the last session. Please register.

MELTED BOOKMARKS
Oct. 14, Wed. at 4:30pm Tweens, 9 to 14 year olds, will create a melted crayon bookmark in the shape of a leaf. The process includes liquefying crayons and applying that to wax and construction paper. Please register.

FALL FUN FEST
Oct. 14, Wed. at 6pm What do mummies, caramel apples, and fall have in common? Well, it's all part of our Fall Fun Fest and the whole family is invited! Please register.

PAINT A HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN
Oct. 22, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will paint pumpkins. Bring a pumpkin and the library will provide the paint, brushes, and other supplies. Please register.

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION MOVIE
Oct. 23, Fri. at 3pm All members of the family are invited to join us for popcorn and lemonade as we view the animated movie: *Meet the Robinsons*. This film is based upon the 2009 Books to Bridge the Region picture book selection, *A Day in the Life of the Robinsons* by William Joyce.

Toddlers to Teens can join kids from the seven counties of NWI with games, crafting activities, story times, and movies for the 2009 Books to Bridge the Region project, as well as celebrate Halloween with pumpkins, parades, and costume parties this month @ their library!

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Oct. 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to participate in this continuing series of story hours that include stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Please register.

BEGINNING ITALIAN FOR CHILDREN

Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27, Tues. from 4-5pm School age children, 6 years of age and older, will learn Italian with the help of Mollie Ivaldi. Just bring a pencil and notebook.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Oct. 7, Wed. at 6pm Families are invited to have fun together during Family Game Night. The children's Book to Bridge the Region selection, *A Day With Wilbur Robinson*, will be featured.

TIP TOP TWO's

Oct. 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

HORRIBLE HANDS

Oct. 14, Wed. at 6pm School age children, 6 years of age and older, will make a handy Halloween craft and hear a Halloween story. Please register.

TWEEN TIME

Oct. 21, Wed. at 6pm Tweens (10 to 12 year olds) will be making stone-faced pumpkins. Please bring a stone the size of your hand or a little smaller. Any shape stone will do, just make sure it's clean! Please register.

Munster Branch www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

MAKING MEMORIES

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Thurs. from 5:30-7:30pm The South Shore Arts Council is offering a free family enrichment program that incorporates music, drama, arts and crafts. Included also is a free book each week and box lunch. Families of children in 3rd grade and up must attend all five sessions. Please register.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's & 6's

Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27, Tues. at 10:30am & 1:30pm Children, ages 4, 5, and 6 (not yet in kindergarten), are invited to story times with themes this month: I Feel Like...., Blast Off, And I'll Eat You Up..., and Halloween. All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Oct. 7, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

READING BUDDIES

Oct. 9, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with Alliance Day Center, this off-site story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. The session includes stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend. Please register.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Oct. 12 & 26 , Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: *Blast Off* and *Halloween*. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

MEET THE ROBINSONS

Oct. 14, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will listen to *A Day with Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce, the children's selection for the Books to Bridge the Region program. This program will include games, a craft, and other activities.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Oct. 28, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, are invited to celebrate the season in costume. This program will include stories, games, a craft, and other activities. You may bring candy to share, but it is not required.

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FAMILY MOVIE BREAK
Oct. 29, Thurs. at 2pm Enjoy a viewing of *The Witches*!, based on the Whitbread prize-winning novel by Roald Dahl. This fanciful and exciting story follows the enchanting escapades of a young boy and his grandmother as they turn the tables on the Grand High Witch's plan to turn all of Britain's children into mice. The film is rated PG with a running time of 91 minutes. All ages are welcome but children 5 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult.

TWEEN CRAFTING
Oct. 30, Fri. at 2pm Children age 12 or older are invited to make cool art projects that require time and unusual materials. This month we will create a mosaic art piece. Please register.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION EVENT
Oct. 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Tying into the Books to Bridge the Region project, children of all ages will watch an animated film about a 12 year old inventor and the possibilities of the future, based on the book *A Day with Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce.

YOUNG READERS
Oct. 8, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, meet the 2nd Thursday of each month to discuss and review books, while earning volunteer hours for some library projects. Refreshments will be served.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Oct. 13/14, 20/21, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm, or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to participate in stories, activities, songs, crafts and movies. Please register.

ANIMALS, ANIMALS, ANIMALS
Oct. 14, Wed. at 6:30pm Join us each month as different animals and their habitats are discussed. We will begin in the rainforest as *The Great Kapok Tree* is read and we'll create an animal craft. Please register.

CHESS KNIGHT
Oct. 26, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older), from beginners to advanced, are invited to play chess while developing new strategies and improving their skills on the 4th Monday of each month. Bring a friend and join the group! Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
Oct. 27, Tues. at 10:30 am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. Please register.

HALLOWEEN STORY HOUR
Oct. 28, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will listen to Halloween stories, sing songs, and participate in fun activities. Please register.

St. John Branch www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES
Oct. 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy the final four sessions filled with stories, songs, games, crafts, and films. Children may attend the morning session or the afternoon session. Registration required.

BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION
Oct. 17, Sat. at Noon School age children, kindergarten and up, and their parents are invited to bring lunch (please no red or dark colored drinks) and watch the movie *Meet the Robinsons*, the Disney film adaptation of *A Day with Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce. The movie is 95 minutes long and rated G. Moviegoers will also make their own family tree chart. Please register.

Lake County Public Library in partnership with **LakeNet** makes easily accessible, safe websites available for children.
Explore puzzles and many other activities on LakeNet's KIDNET.
Access to the LakeNet site can be found at: **lcplin.org**

Lake County Public Library www.lcplin.org Serving you for 50 years!
November 2009

HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the
Life and Times of BORIS KARLOFF

Boris Karloff, the King of Horror, was born William Henry Pratt on November 23, 1887, in London, the last of eight children. Both his parents died when he was very young, and he was brought up by his older siblings. In 1909 he left England for Canada, where he worked at a variety of jobs, including acting with a touring company. Eventually he arrived in Hollywood, where in 1931 he was cast as the monster in what became the giant hit "Frankenstein." Though his chief fame resulted from the many monster movies in which he subsequently appeared, he also displayed his great talent in later productions such as "The Raven," "The Terror," and "Targets." He achieved television immortality as the narrator of the Christmas classic "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." Plagued with emphysema for many years, Karloff succumbed to the disease in February, 1969. In person a warm-hearted, kind gentleman with a sincere affection for children and concern for their welfare, the public Karloff became the very icon of Horror. As he put it, "The monster was the best friend I ever had."

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Boris Karloff will be found on the Upper Level during the month of November.

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Linda Johnsen
Cedar Lake Branch Manager

The Library & You– Working to Help Your Child Learn to Read & Succeed!

We all want our children to succeed in school and the library can play a big part in that success. Every Child Ready to Read is a national library initiative that is based on research and uses proven methods to help young children develop the skills they will need to read and succeed in school. This initiative has shown that parents can help their children by using books and language. Talk with your children, read to them and share books with them.

Studies show that when parents talk frequently to their babies and young children, they actually start school knowing significantly more words than children with parents who didn't talk as much. So when you're at the grocery store, for example, talk to your baby about what you are buying, what you will make with the food, and so on. This kind of chatter just takes more energy, not time or money, but your child will reap the benefits and develop Vocabulary, an essential pre-reading skill. Read to your child, but always keep it fun. This is part of Print Motivation, a necessary pre-reading skill that means that children are interested in books and reading and want to learn to read. Read books, but also share them by talking about what is happening on the page, or about the pictures. Ask questions and be sure to count to at least five to give your child time to answer. Such interaction between parent and child is called Dialogic Reading and is a critical part of helping your child develop Narrative Skills, another essential pre-reading skill.

Every Child Ready to Read has identified six pre-literacy skills and offers suggestions for helping your child develop these skills. What you do depends on your child's age and so different activities are recommended for three different

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"Research has shown that children must know these six skills..."

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age groups, from infancy through age five. Research has shown that children must know these six skills before they can learn to read: Print Motivation; Vocabulary; Phonological Awareness, which is being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words and being able to rhyme words; Narrative Skills, being able to describe things and events and tell stories; Print Awareness, understanding that letters make words, and Letter Knowledge, knowing that letters are different from each other and that they have different names and sounds.

It sounds like a lot, but really, it's easy. The library offers many story hours every month. Each program helps your child develop these skills and highlights different ways you can help your child. Here at Cedar Lake Branch, and at most library locations, preschool story hour, toddler times or Mother Goose on the Loose programs are offered weekly.

Every library location has many great books for you and your child. For more information and ideas to help your child learn to read, ask your librarian and check out the Every Child Ready to Read website at: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/ecrr/index.cfm. Learn more about the research there, also.

It's never too early to help your child succeed in school!

@your Library

Reader's AdvisorY

Cats, Dogs and More!

Honoring the fantastic work of the Humane Society of the United States.

"When was the Whiting oil refinery fire?"

The fire started at 6:15am Saturday, August 27, 1955. It ended at 11:00am Sunday, September 4, 1955. The explosion threw metal debris ranging in size from 2 inches to 80 feet into nearby neighborhoods. The blast's concussion broke almost every window in a three-mile radius. One three year old child was killed by debris as he slept. Total that the fire burned was 196 hours and 45 minutes at Standard Oil Company which became known as Amoco and now is BP.

Source:Hammond Times, September 4, 1955, p.1

Additional information from www.fireworld.com

Magazines

Staff Recommends

Getting Ready for the Holidays

There are so many magazines to choose from! Here are highlights from eating to decorating to family to shopping.

Taste of Home- is like walking into your grandmother's Sunday dinner, or a warm and welcoming church potluck. *Taste of Home* and its other publications *Healthy Cooking* and *Simple and Delicious* is recipe heavy and attractively photographed. You can find an array of recipes, cooking and shopping tips, feature sections and an index in every issue.

Traditional Home- is one of America's most beautiful magazines combining elements of classic décor with realities of contemporary life in decorating and renovation ideas, entertaining and collecting. The special Holiday Issue illustrates how to create magical memories, style for the season from treetop to table top to decorating with treasures you all ready own.

Family Fun- is published by a branch of Disney but who better knows than Disney magicians how to have fun. The format is clean and nice, with great photographs of kids and their families-all having fun! Geared toward parents with young children, this energetic magazine promises to enrich the lives of families. The December issue focuses on Christmas ideas and traditions that bring families together through baking, decorating, or shopping.

Real Simple- has been publishing a December issue targeting "50 gifts under $50" for everyone on your list. This December issue gives the reader insight on party planning, one of kind finds, wrapping paper that is all or the no-hassle wrapping solution, and the perfect black dress for any body. *Real Simple* magazine has become an icon of contemporary life, offering realistic solutions for simplifying complex lives.

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BORIS KARLOFF

Karloff: The Life of Boris Karloff
by Peter Underwood (B KAR UNDE)

Boris Karloff and His Films
by Paul M. Jensen (791.437 JENS)

The Films of Boris Karloff
by Richard Bojarski (791.43 BOJA)

Who the Hell's In It: Portraits and Conversations
by Peter Bogdanovich (791.43028 BOGD)

The Frankenstein Legend: A Tribute to Mary Shelley and Boris Karloff
by Donald F. Glut (791.4309 GLUT)

Masters of Horror
by Sue L. Hamilton (813.087 HAMI)

Central Library
1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
Nov. 1-30 To join the online discussion of *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron, send an email to remarks@lcplin.org. Visit http://www.lcplin.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm.

SHIP PROGRAM
Nov. 4, Wed. from 10am-Noon State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) session for Medicare Part D open enrollment. Please contact 219-838-4873 for more information.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Nov. 4, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Nov. 4, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

GREAT DECISIONS
Nov. 10 & 24, Tues. at 6:15pm Topic: *Universal Human Rights,* come as a guest to join this dialogue. Please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Nov. 11, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to search on the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Nov. 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression* by Mildred Armstrong Kalish. Please register at ext. 340.

GARDENING
Nov. 17, Tues. at 7pm "Terrariums" by Master Gardener Zahida Saleem. Please register at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Nov. 18, Wed. at 2pm Learn to use the online library catalog. Please register at ext. 346.

CROCHET CLASS
Nov. 23, Mon. at 11am Learn a holiday angel pattern; bring a #8 crochet hook and #10 white crochet thread. Please register at 769-3541, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Nov. 25, Wed. at 2pm Instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

BOGO: BUY ONE-GET ONE FREE
Nov. 28, Sat. 9:30am-4pm The *Friends* of Lake County Public Library are offering a "Buy One-Get One" sale which includes all books, cd's, videos, records, audiocassettes, and puzzles.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

BOOK BUDDIES
Nov. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm Dessert and an informal discussion of *The Collectors* by David Baldacci.

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/griffith.htm

BOOK CHAT
Nov. 9, Mon. at 1pm Chocolate dessert and an informal discussion of the mystery *Sympathy for the Devil* by Jerrilyn Farmer.

GRIFFITH GAB
Nov. 23, Mon. at 1pm Discussion of *A Death in Belmont* by Sebastian Junger.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

KNITTING CLASS
Receive knitting instructions; bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn. Call the library for dates.

GENEALOGY SEARCH ON THE WEB
Nov. 2, Mon. at 1pm & 6:30pm Trace ancestors using *Ancestry Library, Heritage Quest,* and *Pro-Quest Obituaries* databases. Please register.

SNACK & PLAN
Nov. 2, Mon. at 5pm Teens eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids.

EXERCISE @ YOUR LIBRARY
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, Tues. at 10:30am *American Arthritis Association* six-week program conducted by Annette Farrell, RN.

WRITING A RESUME USING MICROSOFT WORD
Nov. 4 or 6, Wed. at 1pm or 6:30pm or Fri. at 1pm Learn MS Word's Resume Wizard to write a resume. Computer and web familiarity strongly suggested.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Nov. 9, Mon. at 1pm or 6:30pm Explore the library's home page

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and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web.

HISTORY VIDEO: *THE GREAT ESCAPE*
Nov. 10, Tues. at 2pm Recreations and recollections provide details about the prisoner's tunneling and tell the stories of escapees from WWII. Refreshments served.

CRAFTING MANIA: SAND ART
Nov. 10 or 11, Tues. at 3:30pm or Wed. at 3:30pm Teens are invited to create sand art; supplies and snacks provided.

COMPUTER CLASS: E-MAIL BASICS
Nov. 11, Wed. at 1pm & 6:30pm Learn the basics of using email, including a free account.

JOBS, CAREERS & ONLINE RESOURCES
Nov. 16, Mon. at 1pm or 6:30pm Explore websites to help find a job or change careers. Computer and web familiarity required.

LIBRARY BOWLING
Nov. 17, Tues. at 2pm Adults will enjoy bowling on the *Wii* system. Play baseball, golf, or tennis, too.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Nov. 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace…One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson.

TWILIGHT @ THE LIBRARY
Nov. 20, Fri. at 4pm Teens are invited to celebrate the movie premier of *New Moon* with games and snacks.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: MISSOURI
Nov. 24, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore various sights in Missouri. Refreshments will be served.

GAMEFEST
Nov. 25, Wed. at 3pm Teens play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games.

HOLIDAY MAGIC
Nov. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm Holiday stories, crafts, and an ornament.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

HISTORY VIDEO
Nov. 2, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Clint Eastwood's life and film career. Refreshments served.

TIME TO CROCHET
Nov. 4, 11 & 18, Wed. at 1pm Yvonne Skorupa will instruct beginning to advanced crocheters. Please register.

LIFE COACHING
Nov. 4, Wed. at 6:30pm Change your life in just 12 minutes with Dr. Myrna Sarowitz. Please register.

T'AI CHI CHIH
Nov. 5, Thurs. at 2pm Justin Stone will lead participants in T'ai Chi Chih; easy to learn and accessible for all fitness levels. Please register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Nov. 10, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *The Senator's Wife* by Sue Miller. Please register.

HIGHLAND CRIMEWATCH
Nov. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police crime watch meeting on Internet Safety .

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Nov. 12, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Calumet Hospice.

CROSSROADS
Nov. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Kevin Pazour, Director of the Porter County Museum will discuss the "Lowenstein Memorial." Please call 972-7317 to register.

TEEN *TWILIGHT* CELEBRATION
Nov. 12, Thurs. from 5:30-7pm Teens are invited to celebrate the release of *New Moon* with a bevy of activities. Please register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS
Nov. 16, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Visit the island state of Hawaii. Refreshments served.

STAMP CAMP
Nov. 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Create paper products with rubber stamps. $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Nov. 19, Thurs. at 7pm Discussion of *The Chicago Way* by Michael Harvey.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN
Nov. 23, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm View this film of a young Jane Austen- *Becoming Jane*.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN
Nov. 30, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Starring Clint Eastwood, *Escape from Alcatraz* is a fascinating account of the true events of the one and only successful escape from the maximum security prison, Alcatraz. Refreshments served.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

THE MISSING TARTS
Nov. 11, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to help the Queen of Hearts find her tarts. Please register.

BOOK CHAT
Nov. 17, Tues. at 2pm Kate Dicamillo's story – *Tale of Despereaux, Being the Story of a Mouse, A Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Threa*

VOCALO.ORG MAKE-YOUR-RADIO WORKSHOP
Nov. 18, Wed. from 6:30-8pm Producers instruct participants how to upload and showcase their own media, and record and share audio using a telephone. Please bring a cell phone and/or laptop and register at www.vocalo.org89.5fm.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: *UP*
Nov. 24, Tues. at 6pm Families are welcome to this viewing of the 2009 Disney-Pixar movie: *Up*.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

BOOK DISCUSSION
Nov. 6, Fri. at 1pm Readers will discuss *The Diary of Mattie Spenser* by Sandra Dallas.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Nov. 17, Tues. from 11am-Noon Unity Hospice of NWI provides free blood pressure screening.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
Nov. 2 at 6:30pm The to *Aging Safely in the Home* Alzheimer caregivers. Please register at 1-800-272-3900.

CROSSROADS
Nov. 4, Wed. at 1:30pm Edmund Adamski offers an insightful and touching account of these heroic, loyal companions in this presentation of *War Dogs of the Pacific*. Please register by calling 972-7353.

FAMILY MOVIE BREAK
Nov. 5, Thurs. at 6pm The entire family (children 5 and younger accompanied by an adult) is invited to view *Meet the Robinsons*; rated G; 102 minutes runtime.

SHIP (STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN)
Nov. 7, Sat. from 10am-Noon State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) session for Medicare Part D open enrollment. Please contact 219-838-4873 for more details.

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
Nov. 10, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm *Campfire* for mature audiences; not rated; Hebrew with English subtitles; running time – 96 minutes.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Nov. 11, Wed. at 7pm Discussion of the opera *Katya Kabanova* by Leos Janacek - musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

IMMERSED IN DIALOGUE
Nov. 17, Tues. at 7pm An in-depth exploration of the classic piece of literature *Oresteia* by Aeschylus.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Nov. 19, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

EXPLORE: FRANCE
Nov. 19, Thurs. at 2pm Special GUEST lecturer Carl DiNello will provide a slide presentation.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Nov. 19, Thurs. at 7pm A discourse of *Conscience* by Immanuel Kant, a selection from the first series of Great Books.

FAMILY MOVIE BREAK: *UP*
Nov. 27, Fri. at 2pm Enjoy a viewing of Disney-Pixar's *Up*, children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Nov. 30, Mon. at 10:30am Beginning computer users will learn basic skills.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
Nov. 2, Mon. at 1pm *Anytown USA* is for mature audiences; not rated by the MPAA; adults only; in English, no subtitles. Runtime 106 minutes.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Nov. 5, Thurs. at 1pm Beginning users of the computer will learn basic skills. Registration is required.

STAMP CAMP
Nov. 10, Tues. at 6:30pm Create handmade projects using rubber stamps. $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

***WII* GAMING FOR SENIORS**
Nov. 11, Wed. at 2pm Learn gaming skills on *Wii*, the popular new electronic game. Refreshments served.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS
Nov. 12, Thurs. at 1pm Learn computer terminology and about Windows. Registration is required.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
Nov. 18, Wed. at 7pm Wander off the beaten track in Istanbul in this 70 minute travel video.

COMPUER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Nov. 19, Thurs. at 1pm Explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses. Registration is required.

COMPUTER CLASS: CATA-A-LOG CARE
Nov. 24, Tues. at 1pm Receive an introduction to search techniques.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

SIT & KNIT
Nov. 4 & 18, Wed. from 6-8pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project. All levels welcome.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Nov. 10, Tues. at 10:15am Join an informal discussion of *Ghost Writer* by Rene Guitenberg.

***CHARLOTTE'S WEB* FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**
Nov. 14, Sat. at 1pm Families are invited to watch the film adaptation of *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White. Please register early.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
Nov. 17, Tues. at 1:30pm View a one-hour video biography of Robert F. Kennedy. Refreshments served. Please register.

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The Executive Board makes the decisions that provide donated funds for both educational and fun programs to draw adults, teens, and children into the library.

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For more details, just call 769-3541, ext. 317…and plan on meeting a Friend!

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Veteran's Day-Wednesday, November 11.

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Children's Programing

November 2009

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1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Tues. at 10am or 11am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this half-hour, lap-sit program that incorporates songs, rhymes, and finger plays to help develop literacy skills. Please register at ext. 360.

CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK CELEBRATION

Nov. 19, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, are invited to a special CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK celebration to hear some of the very best in children's literature. Have fun playing games, making crafts, and eating snacks based on the stories and characters in the books. Please register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

POPCORN FUN

Nov. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make flavored popcorn after listening to the story of *Popcorn at the Palace*. Please register.

SUSHI FUN FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK

Nov. 20, Fri. at 4:30pm School age children will listen to the story of *Haromi's Hands* and then make some special "sushi" as we celebrate CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Nov. 19, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 5th grade, will sail to the land of the wild things. We will read the book by Maurice Sendak and make a wild puppet. Please register.

Griffith Branch
www.lcplin.org/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

LEAF NOTE CARDS

Nov. 4, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will learn how create autumn leaf-rubbing note cards.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Mon. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in this lap-sit program using the rhymes of Mother Goose. Please register.

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SATURDAY MORNING WITH *MOLLY'S PILGRIM*

Nov. 14, Sat. at 10:30am After listening to a chapter of *Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen, school age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will make a paper model of Molly.

SUPER TOT CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK FUN

Nov. 18, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will make a coloring book featuring the Mother Goose rhyme: *Sing A Song of Six Pence.* Please register.

VAMPIRE BOOKMARKS

Nov. 18, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will make a bookmark and hear a chapter from *Bunnicula*. A very special guest, Ms. Nicole Alsman, will teach us how to twist balloons into a vampire! Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK SPECIAL

Nov. 17 or 20, Tues. at 1pm or Fri. at 10:30am Hats and monkeys combine for pre-school ABC fun. Children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to join the fun. Please register.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH BOOKS

Nov. 20, Fri. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, may pick a book about myths and legends from our November display and join us as we talk about some of these fantastic tales.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 5, 12, 19, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, infants to 36 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities for this three-week session.

WHAT'S THAT FALLING?

Nov. 10, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy books, songs, a short movie, and a craft about leaves and other things falling from the sky.

CRAFTING MANIA: SAND ART

Nov. 10 or 11, Tues. at 3:30pm or Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will create colorful sand art in bottles. All supplies and snacks will be provided.

LET THE PIGEON!

Nov. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age kids, kindergarten and older, will have fun with pigeons and books by Mo Willems, author of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*. Create puppets to act out the stories and make pigeon poop to eat.

CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK: CELEBRATING GREAT BOOKS

Nov. 17, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy some of Miss Holly's favorite books, songs, a short video, and a craft as we celebrate CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK.

CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK: GOLDILOCKS & THE 3 LITTLE PIGS?

Nov. 18, Wed. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy books, games, and a craft as we explore fractured fairy tales. We will read some mixed-up tales and create one together as we celebrate CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK.

PLAYFEST BOOKARAMA

Nov. 19, Thurs. at 4:30pm Kids in 3rd grade or older will learn and play a variety of games, such as chess and *Uno*. There will also be games on the *PlayStation* & *Wii*. In addition, there will be a chance to craft a book of your own in celebration of CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK.

TWILIGHT @ THE LIBRARY

Nov. 20, Fri. at 4pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, celebrate the movie premier of *New Moon* with vampire fun! Play games and eat food all with a vampire/human/werewolf twist!

TIME TO SAY THANKS

Nov. 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, games, and a craft as we celebrate and learn about Thanksgiving.

GAMEFEST

Nov. 25, Wed. at 3pm Play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games. Teens who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and pop provided. Join the fun!

HOLIDAY MAGIC

Nov. 30, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages can celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with stories, crafts, and more. Make a gift for someone special and an ornament for the library tree, too!

Highland Branch www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

WOOF! WOOF! FABULOUS 4s, 5s, & 6s

Nov. 4, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Children from age 4 to 6 will howl with delight as they hear stories, songs, and finger plays about dogs followed by a related activity. Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 10, 17 & 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 months to 3 years of age, accompanied with their caregivers, will enjoy this 30 to 40 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

TEEN *TWILIGHT* CELEBRATION

Nov. 12, Thurs. from 5:30-7pm To celebrate the release of *New Moon*, teens (7th -12th grades) may dress up as their favorite character from the *Twilight* series (or as themselves), play the *Twilight* trivia board game, *Twilight* bingo, and have refreshments. Please register.

CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK ADVENTURE FOR FABULOUS 4s, 5s & 6s

Nov. 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm In honor of CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK, 4 through 6 year olds will enjoy library stories, songs, finger plays, and make a special bookmark to take home.

CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK PROGRAM

Nov. 19, Thurs. at 3:30pm Children in elementary school will listen to a story, make a bookmark, and have refreshments in honor of CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK. Please register.

HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW

Nov. 28, Sat. at 2pm Girl Scout Troop 30 will present several short puppet plays in the children's room. Afterward they will have a simple craft and refreshments for the children.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcplin.org/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

TODDLER STORY TIME

Nov. 5 & 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, songs, nursery rhymes, participate in finger plays, and make simple crafts in this half-hour program. Please register.

THE MISSING TARTS

Nov. 11, Wed. at 6pm The Queen of Hearts has lost her tarts and the whole family is invited to help her find them. Please register.

BIRD FEEDERS

Nov. 12, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear stories and make paper plate bird feeders. Please register.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK PROGRAM

Nov. 17 or 18, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. at 10:30am In celebration of NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK, pre-school age children (4 and 5 year olds) will hear new and award winning stories and make Chippewa Indian Dream Catchers. Please register.

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FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS FOR PRE-TEENS

Nov. 18, Wed. at 4:30pm Tweens, 9 to 14 year olds, will have fun creating their own friendship bracelets. Please register.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: *UP*

Nov. 24, Tues. at 6pm Families are welcome to this viewing of the 2009 Disney-Pixar movie: *Up*. Children can dress in their pajamas. Popcorn and lemonade will be served.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

TWEEN TIME

Nov. 11, Wed. at 6pm Tweens, 10 to 12 year olds, will make Native American Dream Catchers. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO's

Nov. 12, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Nov. 17, Tues. at 10:30am Story time for children that are 3 to 5 years old will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

GREYT READERS FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK

Nov. 18, Wed. at 6pm School age children, 6 years of age and older, will celebrate CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK by reading a favorite book to a Greyhound! The American Greyhound organization will provide the Greyhound listeners. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 4 & 18, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. This program begins promptly at 10:30am, but open playtime is available beginning 10am. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

FAMILY MOVIE BREAK

Nov. 5, Thurs. at 6pm The entire family (children 5 and younger accompanied by an adult) is invited to view *Meet the Robinsons*, the video version of *The Life of Wilbur Robinson* by William Joyce, last month's children's selection for *Books to Bridge the Region*. This futuristic story follows Lewis, a brilliant inventor whose latest project is the Memory Scanner, a machine that will help him find his birth mother so they can become a family. When it is stolen, Lewis meets a mysterious stranger named Wilbur who whisks our bewildered hero away in a time machine. Together they track down the thief. Rated G; 102 minutes runtime.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Nov. 9 & 23 , Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: Nutrition, and Please and Thank You. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

VETERAN'S DAY

Nov. 11, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, are invited to celebrate Veteran's Day with stories about our service men and women, games, a patriotic craft, and other activities.

CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK

Nov. 14-21 To celebrate CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK we will focus on our favorite children's authors, illustrators, and stories during each of our programs this month. Attendees should feel free to bring their favorite book to share.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Nov. 17, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with this month's theme: Please and Thank You. All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

TWEEN CRAFTING

Nov. 19, Thurs. at 6pm Children ages 11 or older are invited to make cool art projects that require time and unusual materials. For November we will create a decoupage-covered book in honor of CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK. Please call to register so we have enough materials for all!

LET'S GIVE THANKS

Nov. 25, Wed. at 4pm School age children, in kindergarten and older, will listen to stories about Thanksgiving. There will be games, a craft, and other activities, too!

FAMILY MOVIE BREAK: *UP*

Nov. 27, Fri. at 2pm Enjoy a viewing of Disney-Pixar's *Up*. Carl Fredricksen spent his entire life dreaming of exploring the globe and now in his 78th year he launches his house into the sky via thousands of balloons. Right after lift-off he discovers he has a stowaway in the form of an overly optimistic 8-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell. This hilarious journey takes you into a lost world with the least likely duo on Earth. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 96 minutes. All ages are welcome, but children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Nov. 10 or 11, 17 or 18, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in stories, activities, songs, crafts, and movies. Please register.

ANIMALS, ANIMALS, ANIMALS

Nov. 11, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to monthly sessions as different animals and their habitats are discussed. We begin in the rainforest reading *The Great Kapok Tree*, and then we'll create an animal craft. Please register.

YOUNG READERS

Nov. 12, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, meet the 2nd Thursday of each month to discuss and review books, while earning volunteer hours for some library projects.

BEDTIME IN BOOK WEEK

Nov. 16, Mon. at 6:30pm Young children, 3 to 7 year olds, can wear their pajamas, bring a pillow, and a nighttime dry snack to listen to some bedtime stories, hear some bedtime music, and see a bedtime movie for CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK. Parents are invited to join in, too. Please register.

CHESS KNIGHT

Nov. 23, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) are invited to play chess while developing new strategies and improving their skills on the 4th Monday of each month. Bring a friend and join the group! Please register.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. Please register.

St. John Branch www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

CHARLOTTE'S WEB FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK

Nov. 14, Sat. at 1pm Families are invited to watch the film adaptation of *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White. This charming tale of Fern and her young pet pig, Wilbur, will delight all. The film is 113 minutes and rated G. Space is limited. Please register early.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME DURING CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK

Nov. 17 or 18, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy hearing the story *Book! Book! Book!* by Deborah Bruss, and participate in finger plays, musical activities, and a craft to make a book on a stick! Please register.

GOLDILOCKS: THE NEW ENDING

Nov. 20, Fri. at 4pm To celebrate CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK the classic tale of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* will be retold by Jim Aylesworth, and children in grades 2 through 5 will use their creative writing talents to write their own ending to the story! Group participation is encouraged. Please register.

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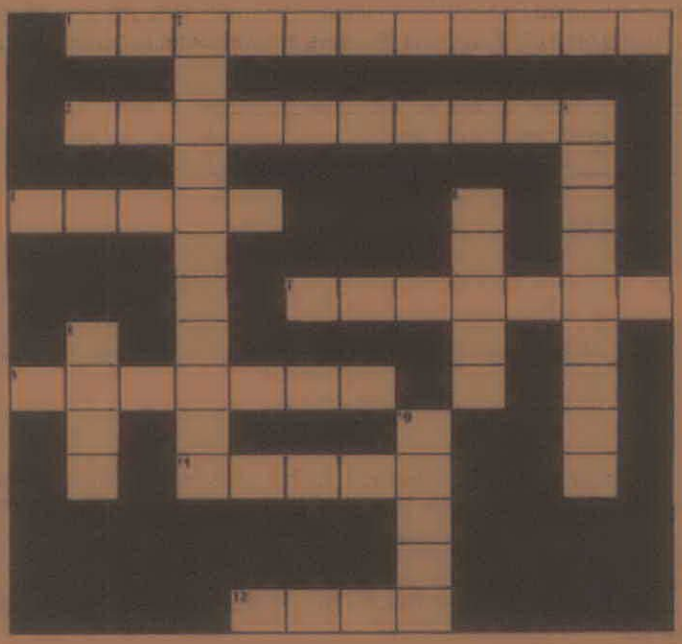
WHERE IN THE WORLD?

A Crossword Puzzle for Book Week

By Sue Alexander



WHERE IN THE WORLD?

(Answer Key)

By Sue Alexander

Across

1. Appalachian
   Halfway to the Sky - Kimberley Brubaker Bradley (Delacorte)
3. Whitewater
   Apache Rodeo - Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith (Holiday House)
5. Korea
   A Single Shard - Linda Sue Park (Clarion)
7. Skylark
   What's the Matter, Kelly Beans? - Judith Rossi Enderle/Stephanie Jacob Gordon (Candlewick)
9. Salinas
   Voices From the Fields - S. Beth Atkin (Little Brown)
11. Earth
   Footprints on the Roof - Marilyn Singer (Knopf)
12. Iowa
   Kate Shelley: Bound for Legend - Robert Sam Anzai (Dial)

Down

2. Privetdrive (Privet Drive)
   Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone - J.K. Rowling (Arthur A. Levine)
4. Riveredge (River Edge)
   Robert and the Weird & Wacky Facts - Barbara Seuling (Cricket)
6. Melon
   Math Rashes - Douglas Evans (Front Street)
8. Barn
   Action Jackson - Jan Greenberg/Sandra Jordan (Roaring Brook)
10. China
   Chang and the Bamboo Flute - Elizabeth Starr Hill (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)

Across

1. Dani, in HALFWAY TO THE SKY, runs away from home to hike the _____ Trail.
3. APACHE RODEO, an annual event of the White Mountain Apache Tribes, is held in _____ Arizona.
5. A SINGLE SHARD takes place in what country?
7. In WHAT'S THE MATTER, KELLY BEANS? Kelly lives on _____ Drive.
9. VOICES FROM THE FIELDS are the voices of immigrant children from Mexico who tend the crops in _____ Valley, California.
11. FOOTPRINTS ON THE ROOF are poems all about what planet?
12. KATE SHELLEY: BOUND FOR LEGEND tells the story of a heroic girl in the state of _____.

Down

2. Harry Potter's Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon live on what street? (2 words - Note: in crossword puzzle answers, there is no space between words)
4. Robert Dorfman, in ROBERT AND THE WEIRD & WACKY FACTS lives in _____ New Jersey (2 words)
6. W.T. _____ is the Elementary School in MATH RASHES in which all kinds of strange things happen.
8. The painter, Jackson Pollock, had his studio in a _____
10. In what country does CHANG AND THE BAMBOO FLUTE take place?

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HAPPENINGS @ your library

Highlighting the
Life and Times of SANTA CLAUS

The story of Santa Claus begins in 4th-century Turkey with Saint Nicholas of Myra, a bishop renowned for his generous acts, one of which was to save three young girls from slavery by providing dowries for them. In the late 1700s, Dutch immigrants to America brought with them the legend of Saint Nicholas, or Sinter Klaas as he was called by them. Sinter Klaas rode a white horse and left gifts in children's wooden shoes which they put out for him on the eve of his feast day, December 6. In America, the tradition of gift giving became part of the celebration of Christmas, and the good and generous Saint Nicholas/Sinter Klaas became known to Americans as "Santa Claus." With the publication in 1823 of Clement Moore's A Visit From St. Nicholas, better known as The Night Before Christmas, Santa Claus's round and jolly physical appearance became fixed in the American imagination. His white horse was transformed into a sleigh pulled by eight reindeer, and his gifts arrived via the chimney rather than wooden shoes. His kind and charitable nature, however, remained just the same.

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Santa Claus will be found on the Upper Level through the month of December.

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Linda Dunn
Munster Branch Manager

TOP-NOTCH FILM COLLECTION AND [FILM] PROGRAMS

As many library patrons already know, Lake County Public Library has an amazing collection of films available for checkout, including children's movies, instructional films, feature films, biographies, documentaries, and foreign films. There is virtually something to satisfy everyone's tastes. Central and all branch locations have hundreds of titles to choose from. With new films being added weekly and smaller "traveling packages" of films rotating among the branches, each library's permanent collection receives fresh titles each month. In addition, special Bollywood film collections are housed at Central, Dyer/Schererville, and Munster. Visit any of these three locations to sample some of the films being produced by India's growing movie industry.

Munster Library
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN

Lake County Public Library also has film programs galore.

"...critically acclaimed, award-winning independent and foreign films..."

Monthly travel video programs are offered at the Cedar Lake, Dyer/Schererville, Highland, and Munster branches. It's easy to discover the world via these armchair travel programs! If your interests run toward history, plan to attend one of the monthly history video programs at either the Cedar Lake or Highland branches. The St. John Branch regularly features biography video programs, while the Highland Branch screens "Classics on the Big Screen" each month. Family films are also scheduled at various Lake County Public Library locations. Check Happenings and Happenings Jr. for specific dates, times, and locations, especially during school vacation breaks.

The latest addition to Lake County Public Library's line-up

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of film programs is the "Independent Film Series," offered at the Dyer/Schererville and Munster branches. The films selected for these programs are critically acclaimed, award-winning independent and foreign films from the world's top film festivals. Indeed, films shown in recent months include top prize winners at Sundance, Cannes, and Berlin. These art films are directed at mature, adult audiences and are generally not rated by the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America). They are also unique to Lake County since local theaters rarely screen these films. Both branch locations report increased popularity of their "Independent Film Series" programs during the past several months. It may be just be the right time to try one of these programs.

With the holiday season fast approaching, be sure to schedule some "down" time. Relax at home with a few good movies and a bowl of popcorn, or attend one of the many film programs @ the library. Popcorn included!

Lake County Public Library will observe the following

2009 Holiday Operating Hours and Closings

CLOSED: Thursday, December 24

CLOSED: Friday, December 25

5 p.m. EARLY CLOSING: Thursday, December 31

CLOSED: Friday January 1, 2010

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Reader's AdvisorY

Happy Holidays!

"I need to find the list of books my child is required to read and since it's Sunday, we can't go to the school to get it.

How can I find it?"

Go to the library's site: www.lcplin.org and go to "Books" in the blue bar. Click on that and you will get a collection of links including one for "School Required Reading Lists." Clicking the reading list will take you to various local school links.

Books

Staff Recommends

Belshazzar's Daughter: A Novel of Istanbul **by Barbara Nadel**

"You expect nefarious complications in a Levantine mystery, and this book lives up to those expectations: the bizarre murder of a Russian Jew, a suspect Englishman involved with an exotic beauty from a Russian family whose matriarch claims royal blood, and a police inspector whose thirst for answers equals his appetite for cigarettes and alcohol. All this and Istanbul, too! Followed by *The Ottoman Cage*.

DB/Reference Emerita

Safely Home **by Randy Alcorn**

"The challenging and soul-stirring story of two college friends who meet 20 years later and discover that one has everything this world has to offer and yet is unhappy, while the other is experiencing great joy in spite of living under intense persecution for his faith in China."

KD/Highland

The Samaritan's Secret **by Matt Beynon Rees**

"The grim realities of life in Palestine today are revealed in Matt Beynon Rees's new mystery starring Omar Yussef as the determined detective. An ancient scroll, a murder, and a large sum of missing money make for an intriguing read. Don't miss it."

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SANTA CLAUS

Nicholas: The Epic Journey from Saint to Santa Claus
by Jeremy Seal (270.2092 SEAL)

Flight of the Reindeer: The True Story of Santa Claus and His Christmas Mission
by Robert Sullivan (394.2663 SULL)

The Story of Santa Claus
by Teresa Chris (394.268282 CHRI)

The Santa Claus Book
by Alden Perkes (394.268282 PERK)

The Night Before Christmas
by Clement Clarke Moore (811.2 MOOR)

The Autobiography of Santa Claus as Told to Jeff Guinn
by Jeff Guinn (X GUIN)

Central Library
1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541
www.lcplin.org

BOOKreMARKS ONLINE
Dec. 1-31 Online discussion of *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote, send an email to remarks@lcplin.org. Visit http://www.lcplin.org/books/bookremarks/remarks.htm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Dec. 2, Wed. from 10:30-11:30am Provided by Spring Mill Health Campus.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Dec. 2, Wed. at 2pm Learn basic skills. Please register at ext. 346.

CROCHET CLASS
Dec. 8, Tues. at 11am Bring a #8 crochet hook and #10 white crochet thread. Please register at ext. 317.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Dec. 8, Tues. at 1pm Adults are invited to attend the Friends of the Library Board meeting. For further information, call ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Dec. 9, Wed. at 2pm Learn how to search on the internet. Please register at ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS
Dec. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Best of the Year: Your Favorites – and a peak at next year's list of the books.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Dec. 16, Wed. at 2pm Learn to use the online library catalog. Please register at ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS
Dec. 23, Wed. at 2pm Instructor will be available for questions and individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
844-8809
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm

Forty-First Avenue Branch
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
980-5180
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm

Griffith Branch
940 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319
838-2825
www.lcplin.org/griffith.htm

BOOK CHAT
Dec. 14, Mon. at 1pm A chocolate dessert and informal discussion of *A Dirty Job* by Christopher Moore.

GRIFFITH GAB
Dec. 28, Mon. at 1pm Discussion of *Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen* by Bob Green.

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 West 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121
www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

KNITTING CLASS
Bring size 7 knitting needles and yarn. Please call the library for dates.

EXERCISE @ YOUR LIBRARY
Dec. 1, 8, Tues. at 10:30am Increase joint flexibility, range of motion, and muscle strength in the official exercise program of the American Arthritis Association.

CHOCOLATE GALORE & MORE!
Dec. 5, Sat. at 1pm Teens will make a variety of chocolate candy.

Artists, Photographers, Collectors: Care to display your photographs, artwork or collection of interesting items? We have openings this year to showcase your talent. Display your photographs and artwork along the walls of the Derner Gallery and collectibles in our glass enclosed display cases.

Call 769-3541, ext. 317 for details.

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SNACK & PLAN
Dec. 7, Mon. at 5pm
Teens are invited to eat, play games, and plan programs.

HISTORY VIDEO
Dec. 8, Tues. at 2pm
Untold Stories of World War II. Refreshments will be served.

HOLIDAY CRAFTING MANIA
Dec. 8 & 9, Tues. & Wed. at 3:30pm Teens will make gifts, ornaments, and wrapping paper.

GAMEFEST
Dec. 16, Wed. at 3pm
Teens are invited to play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Dec. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm
Readers will discuss *Montana 1948* by Larry Watson.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME
Dec. 22, Tues. at 2pm
Viewers will visit mainland Greece, its islands and seas. Refreshments will be served.

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394
www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

MITTEN TREE
Dec. 1-17 Drop off new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to be distributed by Hospice of St Anthony Hospital in the Highland community.

COOKIE EXCHANGE
Dec. 2, Wed. at 6:30pm
Bring three (3) dozen homemade cookies. Submit your recipe by Nov. 23rd to be compiled for all.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Dec. 3, Thurs. at 2pm
Participants will learn the basics of using the mouse; registration required.

HISTORY VIDEO: MARK TWAIN
Dec. 7, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm *The life and legacy of Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain*.

FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION
Dec. 8, Tues. at 2pm *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC COMPUTERS
Dec. 9 or 16, Wed. at 2pm Beginners will learn the keyboard, desktop, and how to create simple word processing documents. Please register.

STAMP CLASS
Dec. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm
There is a $5 fee cover the cost of materials provided. Registration required.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Dec.10, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

CROSSROADS
Dec. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am View the behind-the-scenes documentary of *A Christmas Story*. Please call 972-7317 to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Dec. 10, Thurs. at 2pm or Dec. 29, Tues. at 2pm
Learn how to find information on the Internet. Call the library to register and for other class availability.

GORDON WILDER TRAVELOGUE
Dec. 14, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Gordon Wilder presentation of his trip to Turkey.

COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG
Dec. 15, Tues. at 2pm
Learn to use the library catalog. Please register.

INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION
Dec. 17, Thurs. at 2pm
The Christmas Hope by Donna VanLiere. Please register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS
Dec. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm View Connecticut attractions.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN
Dec. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Christmas In Connecticut* stars Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan, and Sydney Greenstreet.

TEENS & TWEENS OPEN GAMING
Dec. 30, Wed. at 2pm
Teens are invited to gaming events at the library. Please register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243
www.lcplin.org/hobart.html

BEACH PARTY
Dec. 9, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to a beach theme party. Please register.

BOOK CHAT
Dec. 15, Tues. at 2pm
Discussion of *19 Minutes* by Jodi Picoult.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
2007 Central Ave.
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm

MORNING BOOK CLUB
Dec. 3, Thurs. at 1pm
The Art of Mending by Elizabeth Berg.

MAGIC: THE GATHERING COLLECTIBLE CARD GAME
Dec. 12, Sat. at Noon
Steve Dawkins from Gotta Have It Collectibles, Games & Gaming will teach teens and adults Magic. Please register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Dec. 15, Tues. from 11am-Noon Provided by Unity Hospice of Northwest Indiana.

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
836-8450
www.lcplin.org/munster.htm

COMPUTER CLASS: LIBRARY CATALOG
Dec. 1 or 8, Tues. at 10:30am Learn to use the library catalog. Please register.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET
Dec. 2 or 9, Wed. at 10:30am Learn how to find information on the Internet.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Dec. 2, Wed. at 7pm *Merry Widow* by Franz Lehar.

COMPUTER CLASS: E-Z E-MAIL
Dec. 3 or 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Get started using free, web-based e-mail.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Dec. 3, Thurs. at 1:30pm Discussion of *Ray in Reverse* by Daniel Wallace.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE
Dec. 7, Mon. at 10:30am Learn basic skills.

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
Dec. 8, Tues. at 2pm or 6:30pm *The Republic of Love* - for mature audiences; not rated; adults only; running time 96 minutes; English language – no captioning.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Dec. 17, Thurs. from 10am-Noon Provided by Hospice of the Calumet Area.

EXPLORE
Dec. 17, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Arizona, the Grand Canyon, and more.

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Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. Schererville, IN 46375
322-4731
www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES
Dec. 7, Mon. at 1pm *Men at Work* is for mature audiences; not rated by the MPAA; adults only; In Farsi with English subtitles. Runtime 77 minutes.

STAMP CLASS
Dec. 8, Tues. at 6:30pm $5 fee for materials provided. Registration required.

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB
Dec. 9 or 10, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Discussion of *Last Night at the Lobster* by Stewart O'Nan.

VIRTUAL TOURISTS
Dec. 16, Wed. at 7pm Travel from Shangri-La to the Outback of Australia in this 70 minute travel video.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379
www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm

SIT & KNIT
Dec. 2 & 16, Wed. from 6-8pm Bring knitting, stitching, or crochet. All levels welcome.

STAMP CAMP
Dec. 7, Mon. at 6:30pm There is a $5 fee for materials provided. Registration necessary.

CRIMINAL'S CORNER
Dec. 8, Tues. at 10:15am Discussion of *Candy Cane Murder* by Joanne Fluke. Please register.

BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY
Dec. 15, Tues. at 1:30pm View a biographical video of Billy Graham. Please register.

Every Child Ready To Read

November's Happenings mentioned the Every Child Ready To Read initiative. Each month we will focus on one of the six pre-reading skills your child can start learning from birth.

Print Motivation is helping your child enjoy reading and books. Read to your child from infancy, but ALWAYS keep it fun! To a baby, books are toys – let him play with it. Make book sharing a special time, but share books when your child is 'in the mood' and stop if he becomes fussy or loses interest – try again later. Even a few minutes a day is important. Point out signs and words on products and make a game of it. Visit the library often and make it fun; attend library programs for you and your child. Remember, children who enjoy being read to will WANT to learn how to read!

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It's Time for Read-a-Thon

Any child in the Lake County Public Library district can participate in this literacy campaign sponsored by the Library's Foundation.

Sign–up at school or at the local library branch.

Read as may books as you can during this six-week project: January 11th through February 19th.

Read for fun! Read to learn! Read to be entertained!

Prizes and gifts will be awarded to everyone who participates!

Ask your local children's librarian for details.

The Library's Mission: The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural, and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

Happenings Jr. @ your library

Children's Programing

December 2009

Lake County Public Library Since 1959 www.lcplin.org

Central Library www.lcplin.org
1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 1, Tues. at 10am or 11am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver will participate in a half-hour lap-sit program incorporating songs, rhymes, and finger plays to help develop literacy skills. Please register at ext. 360.

A HOLLY JOLLY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Dec. 7, Mon. at 10am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy hearing stories, singing songs, and making a special craft at this delightful holiday story hour. Please register at ext. 360.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 8, Tues. at 10am or 11am Little ones, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy learning holiday songs, rhymes, and finger plays at this special Mother Goose on the Loose Holiday Party! Please register at ext. 360.

APPY HOLIDAYS PARTY

Dec. 10, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will celebrate the season as they listen to holiday stories, play games, and make a holiday craft. Please register at ext. 360.

CALUMET TOWNSHIP

Black Oak Branch
www.lcplin.org/blackoak.htm
5921 West 25th Ave., Gary 844-8809

HOLIDAY ELF ORNAMENT

Dec. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will do a bit of recycling and create an ornament for the tree in this holiday program. Please register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch
www.lcplin.org/fortyfirst.htm
3491 West 41st Ave., Gary 980-5180

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & COOKIES

Dec. 14, Mon. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will make holiday crafts and decorate cookies. Please register.

Griffith Branch
ww.lcplin.org/griffith.htm
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

COOKIE DECORATING

Dec. 2, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will learn how to decorate cookies with the

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help of Dawn Falkner of Dawn's Custom Cakes. Space is limited, so be sure to register early.

BALL ORNAMENTS

Dec. 14, Mon. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 6th grade, will make a round ornament to hang on their family Christmas tree. Please register.

REINDEER HATS

Dec. 15, Tues. at 1pm or Dec. 18, Fri. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will make a reindeer hat from poster board, pipe cleaners, ribbon, and bells. Please register.

SUPER TOT CHRISTMAS

Dec. 16, Wed. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will make a wreath of bows to take home as a holiday decoration. Please register.

GAME DAY

Dec. 22, Tues. from 1-3pm Kids in grade 2 or older are invited to play tennis, baseball, or even bowling, as we plug in *Wii* for an afternoon of fun.

HOLIDAY FILMS

Dec. 26, Sat. at 10:30am Children of all ages are welcome to enjoy an hour of selected short Christmas videos.

GUITAR HERO & DANCE-DANCE-REVOLUTION

Dec. 29, Tues. from 1-3pm School age children, kindergarten and up, can test their guitar playing skills against one another with *Guitar Hero* or see if they have great eye/foot coordination with *DDR*. Please register.

BLUE MOON

Dec. 30, Wed. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will create a moon picture to go along with the Blue Moon of December. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch www.lcplin.org/cedarlake.htm

10010 West 133rd Ave., 374-7121

CHOCOLATE GALORE & MORE!

Dec. 5, Sat. at 1pm Teens, 12 to 17 years of age, will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for the library holiday programs this month. Create, eat, have fun, and earn volunteer time.

SNACK & PLAN

Dec. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

HOLIDAY GIFTS

Dec. 8, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy books, songs, a short video, and a craft as we celebrate this festive time of year.

HOLIDAY CRAFTING MANIA

Dec. 8 & 9, Tues. & Wed. at 3:30pm Teens will make gifts, ornaments, and wrapping paper while enjoying a holiday snack.

TODDLER TIME

Dec. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 to 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more.

ROCK ON

Dec. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will hear and participate in stories about magical rocks and more. They will create a pet rock of their own and make a fossil. They will even make a rock to eat!

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 12, Sat. from 1-3pm Families are invited to an afternoon of short Christmas movies, popcorn, and stories. Make an ornament for the library tree and another to take home. Come when you can and stay as long as you like. Children 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

GAMEFEST

Dec. 16, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, play a variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Snacks provided.

PLAYFEST

Dec. 17, Thurs. at 4:30pm Kids in grade 3 and older will learn and play a variety of games, including chess & *Uno*. Play games on the *PlayStation* & *Wii*. Make ornaments and more for the holiday, and enjoy snacks, too!

MAGNIFICENT MAGIC

Dec. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will enjoy magical stories and games, learn magic tricks, and make one to take home. Children 5 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Highland Branch www.lcplin.org/highland.htm

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

MITTEN TREE

Dec. 1-17 The Highland Library, in cooperation with the Hospice of St Anthony Hospital, will be collecting brand new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for the needy in our community. Donations may be dropped off anytime the library is open.

FAMILY STORY HOUR

Dec. 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Christmas stories, songs, and related activities will delight families with 4 to 6 year olds during this holiday program. Please register.

CHRISTMAS TALES FOR FABULOUS 4s, 5s & 6s

Dec. 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Children, ages 4 through 6, will enjoy Christmas stories, songs, and related activities. Please register.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

Dec. 5, Sat. from 10am to 1pm & Dec. 8, Tues. from 6-8pm School age children, kindergarten through 8th grade, may choose from a wide variety of crafts and gifts to make for the holiday season. Directions for the crafts will be written out and younger children may need an adult's help. Children may make more than one item, depending on the time it takes to complete. Items will be on display. There is a fee for each craft, depending on what materials are used. Please register.

CHRISTMAS FUN FOR TREMENDOUS 2s & 3s

Dec. 8, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 years of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy Christmas stories, songs, and related activities during this lap-sit program. Please register.

TEENS & TWEENS OPEN GAMING

Dec. 30, Wed. at 2pm Teens (5th through 12th grades), are invited to gaming events at the library. Please register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch

www.lcplin.org/hobart.htm

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

TODDLER STORY TIME

Dec. 3 & 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, and participate in finger plays, nursery rhymes, songs, and a simple craft. Please register.

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PRE-SCHOOL HOLIDAY STORY HOUR
Dec. 8, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 4 and 5 year olds, will hear holiday stories, and participate in songs, finger plays, and a holiday craft. Please register.

PRE-TEEN: SNOW GLOBES
Dec. 9, Wed. at 4:30pm Pre-teens, 9 to 14 year olds, will make a snowman and tree snow globes. All materials will be provided. Please register.

BEACH PARTY
Dec. 9, Wed. at 6pm The whole family is invited to a beach theme party at the library! Please register.

MOVIE NIGHT: *HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS*
Dec. 15, Tues. at 6pm Children of all ages are invited to wear their pajamas, bring blankets and stuffed animals, and we'll serve popcorn and lemonade as they view the animated film *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Please register.

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP
Dec. 16,Wed. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will hear holiday stories and make holiday gift wrap. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch
www.lcplin.org/lakestation.htm
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

SOCK SNOWMEN
Dec. 9, Wed. at 6pm School age children, 6 years of age and older, are invited to make a Sock Snowman craft at the library. Each child will need to bring a white tube sock in order to make this craft. Please register.

TIP TOP TWO's
Dec. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

MAGIC: *THE GATHERING COLLECTIBLE CARD GAME*
Dec. 12, Sat. at Noon Steve Dawkins from Gotta Have It Collectibles, Games & Gaming will teach teens how to play Magic: *The Gathering Collectible Card Game*. Please register.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME
Dec. 15, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

Munster Branch www.lcplin.org/munster.htm
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's
Dec. 1, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to a story time. The program this month: Holiday Hoopla, which will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
Dec. 2, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's
Dec. 7, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-

45 minute story time. The theme this month is Holiday Hoopla. The program will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

HOLIDAY HOOPLA
Dec. 9, Wed. at 4pm Children, kindergarten age and older, will listen to seasonal stories and partake in seasonal activities, crafts, and other activities.

TWEEN CRAFTING
Dec. 10, Thurs. at 6pm Tweens, 11 years of age and older, are invited to create cool art projects that require time and unusual materials. Please call the library to register so we have enough materials for all. This month we will make a fleece blanket. Please bring two pieces of fleece in the size you would like your blanket to be.

MOON, MARS & BEYOND CANCELLED
Dec. 16, Wed. from 4-6:30pm Students in 3rd through 5th grades will have a chance to go on a space mission via the Internet, courtesy of the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana. A flight director will guide participants on this mission to solve problems as a group. Space is limited to 20 students. Registration is open December 1-15.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING
Dec. 29, Tues. from 9:30am to 5:30pm Teens, 11 to 15 years of age, can learn to be a certified babysitter. Individuals must attend the entire session in order to complete the certification. A birth certificate is required for class enrollment. There is a $30 non-refundable fee that must be paid at the time of registration. Space is limited to 10 participants. Registration is open from December 1-20. No participants will be taken after the deadline.

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch www.lcplin.org/dyerscher.htm
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

STAMP CAMP
Dec. 2, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make three holiday stamp projects. There is a $3 fee to cover the costs of materials provided. Registration is required.

HOLIDAY MAGIC
Dec. 8, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about Christmas, watch a holiday film, and make a special craft. Please register.

YOUNG READERS
Dec. 10, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, 11 years of age and older, are invited to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. Young Readers can earn volunteer hours for some library projects which will be discussed. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

FAMIILY LUNCHTIME MOVIE EVENT
Dec. 12, Sat. at Noon All children 5 years of age and older accompanied by a parent(s) will be entertained by the new animated release of a man's dream of flying to South America by tying balloons to his home. Bring a lunch (no red drinks, please) and enjoy the Disney Pixar feature film: *UP!*

St. John Branch www.lcplin.org/stjohn.htm
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

FESTIVE FUN
Dec. 4, Fri. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 2nd grade, are invited for an hour of stories, musical activities, games, and a holiday craft. Please register.

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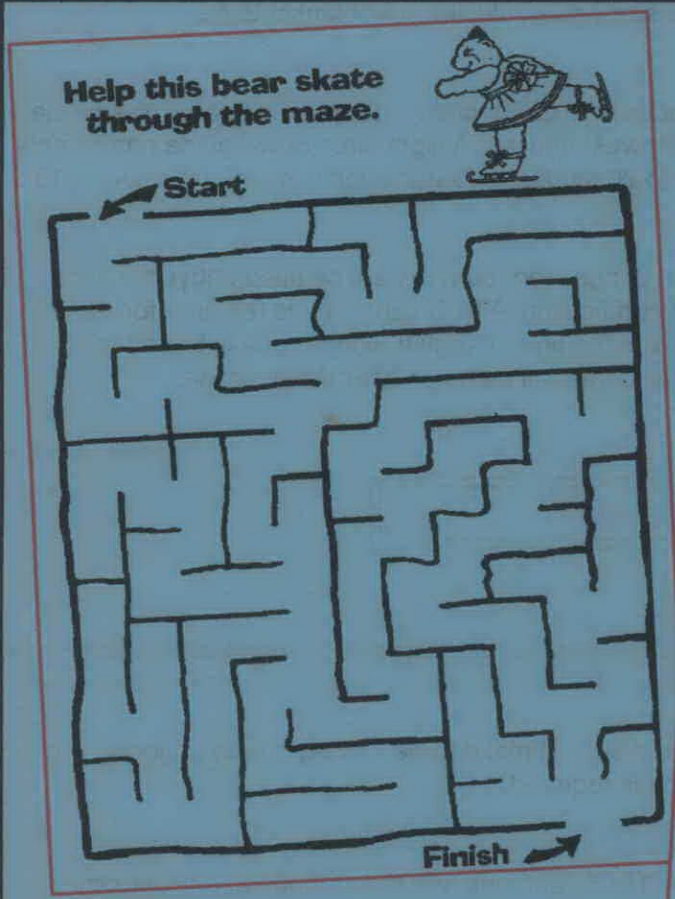
LUNCHTIME MOVIE

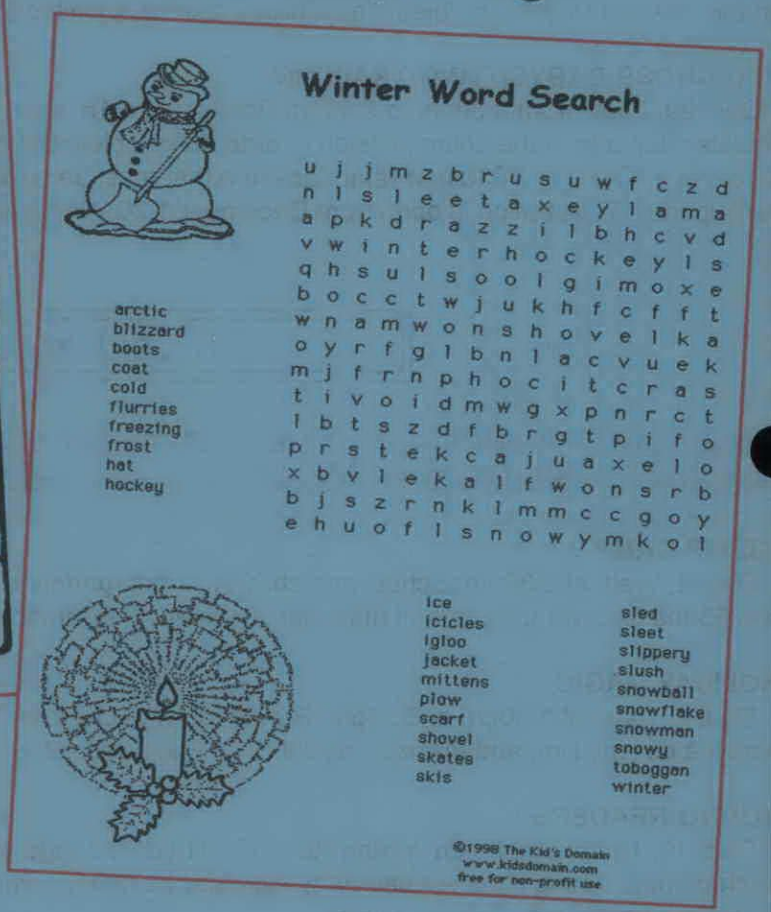
Dec. 12, Sat. at Noon School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to see the Disney animated movie *Up*, rated PG; 96 minutes run time. Bring snacks or lunch (no red or dark liquid please), and don't forget to register.

HOLIDAY FUN

Dec. 15, Tues. at 10:30am, or Dec. 16, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate the holidays with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

Your Puzzle Page





be sure to check out LakeNET Kids link on our website for more puzzle fun.

All branches of the Lake County Public Library will be closed: **December 24 and 25.**

All Library buildings will close at **5 p.m.** on **December 31.**